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29 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
29 Rummage Sale, U.C. Hall, Limbless Fund
29 Royal Asiatic Society Annual Soiree
29 7th Rover Ball, Masonic Hall, 9
29 For. Y. Debate: 'Pacifism and Warmakers,' 9
29 *Sun Yat-sen elected president (1911)*
29 *National flag raised over Manchuria (1928)*

Coming Events

DECEMBER

30 'Traviata,' Lyceum, 9

JANUARY, 1939

3 Shanghai R.U.F.C. vs. Combined Services, Canidrome, 3
3 For Y. Lecture: 'Interpretations of Chinese Medicine,' 9
5 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
5 S.W.A. Meeting, C.S.F., 4
5 Royal Asiatic Society, Lecture
5 'The Divorced Wife' (The Girl in the Train), music by Leo Fall, Russian Light Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
5 For. Y. Debate: 'Naughty and Interesting vs. Good but Dull,' 9
6 Shai. Dialect Club, Foreign Y, 6
6 Leonid Kreutzer, Lyceum, 9.15
7 'The Divorced Wife,' Light Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
8 A.T.A. 'Libel' at S.J.S. in aid of Austrian and German refugees, 8.30
8 'The Divorced Wife,' Light Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
9 Choral Society Practice, 5.30
9 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
9 Leonid Kreutzer, Lyceum, 9.15
9 I.E.E. (China Centre) General Meeting, Park Hotel, 5.15
10 For Y. Lecture: 'The Dragon in Chinese Medicine,' 9
11 St. Patrick's Society, Annual Meeting, 27 The Bund, 5.30
12 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
12 B.U.S.C. Lecture by T. Splkins, Esq., Gas Engineer, 114 Peking Road, 6
12 Le Ballet Russe, Grand Premiere of Tschaikowsky's ballet: 'Le Lac des Cygnes' (The Swan Lake), Lyceum Theatre, 9
12 For. Y. Debate: 'Missionaries—Harm vs. Good,' 9
13 For Y. Hour of Music, 6
13 Shai. Dialect Club, Foreign Y, 6
13 Shanghai Camera Club. Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
14 Ballet Russe, 'Lac des Cygnes,' Lyc., 9
15 Ballet Russe, 'Lac des Cygnes,' Lyc., 2.15
15 Ballet Russe, 'Lac des Cygnes,' Lyc., 9
17 For Y. Lecture: 'Buddhism,' 9
19 For. Y. Debate: 'Enslaved Women,' 9
19 Royal Asiatic Society, Annual Meeting
24 For Y. Lecture: 'Confucianism and Taoism,' 9
25 S'hai Burns Club, Supper, S'hai Club
26 For. Y. Debate: 'Control of Western Areas,' 9
27 For Y. Special Musical Programme Direction: Professor Aksakov, 9
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1939:

A Gloomy Forecast

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—At this time of the year it is helpful to look back on the important events of the past, and to attempt to deduce therefrom what the future has in store for us. Politics, formerly considered as a study unworthy of a gentleman, now affect so vitally the lives of the ordinary man and his wife that I may be excused this effort to summarize the happenings of 1938 and to foresee, as far as possible, the future.

The year 1938 has seen as its chief events the comparatively bloodless conquest of Czechoslovakia, the continuation of the bloody wars in Spain and China, the intensification of the struggle for power in the Mediterranean and, towards its close, a bitter revival and extension of the anti-Jewish crusade in Central Europe. In addition a European war on the grand scale was narrowly averted for the moment, and the fundamental differences between Fascism and democracy became more clearly apparent. So far as Britain is concerned, some benefit was derived from these events. By the end of the year in that country it was clearly recognized that aggression must be met by force, and the influential pro-Fascist group was thus compelled to step from the limelight in order that the necessary military preparations could be undertaken. A further relieving feature in the 1938 gloom was the failure of the aggressors to strike at the chief democratic States while the iron was hot. This error in tactics will not of course be repeated, and after a re-heating of the metal the blacksmiths will not fail to make the smithy resound with their heavy blows.

The unfortunate aspect of the outlook for 1939 lies in the necessity for Fascism, if it is to survive, to earn large dividends. Great communities cannot be expected indefinitely to deprive themselves of the ordinary comforts of life so that enormous military machines may be maintained in working order. It is for this reason that Fascism is essentially aggressive, and it is apparent that the leaders of this new form of government are unable to maintain themselves in power unless they are prepared to use the destructive instrument of their own creation. One may anticipate, therefore, the limits of appeasement at the expense of third parties having already been reached, that a large scale war will commence in 1939. Cheap victories quickly achieved are naturally preferable to long struggles the outcome of which is not predictable, and in certain circles it is believed that in the coming spring the Fascists will commence in earnest their long-heralded march to the East. There are strong reasons for anticipating such a development: the oil and wheat of Roumania and the iron of the Ukraine are tempting fruits of victory. The chief disadvantages are the vast distances to be covered, the lack of adequate transportation facilities for the vast number of troops required, and the comparative ineffectiveness of bombing aeroplanes in sparsely populated areas. Add to this the very formidable nature of the opposition certain to be encountered, and one may well wonder whether after all the game is worth the candle. Is it not perhaps more probable that even greater gains would accrue from the defeat of Britain and France and the seizure of their colonies following the destruction of the economic structure of these countries by a series of mass air-raids? That this prospect is far from fantastic may be judged from the feverish efforts made in Britain and France last autumn to protect the population and important industrial plants against anticipated air bombing. Whatever the direction of attack, however, it is childish to imagine that war on the scale indicated can possibly be limited to a few of the Great Powers. Even the last struggle, a minor blood-letting in comparison, ultimately involved practically the whole world. Notwithstanding the clear necessity for such a step, I see no hope of the adoption of a united policy of defence which alone might prevent the coming war. The compromisers apparently will learn nothing until they are in fact deluged with high explosives.

The Non-Intervention Committee on Spain, subject to the above, will continue its farcical labours to ensure that the decimation of the Spanish people does not directly embroil the Western Powers. British ships will continue to be attacked by foreign aeroplanes in Spanish ports, but this is now so old a story that it is no longer front page news.

The invasion of China and the slaughter of the innocent in that land of sadness will likewise continue, assisted of course by foreign munitions of war supplied on a cash on delivery basis. Crumbs of comfort will doubtless be thrown by the invader to foreign traders with the object of providing answers to questions in legislative chambers abroad. However, there is hope that in China the tragedy of the young man who ate too much turkey at Christmas may be re-enacted.

I trust that the above recital will not unduly bore yourself or your readers, who after all have the consolation of knowing that they are living in historical times. Allow me to say in conclusion that despite my apparent pessimism I have full confidence that the tribulations which we shall doubtless suffer during the coming year will do much to ensure the progress of humanity.

Student of Politics.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

The Lonely Heart:

A Pen Friend Offer

To the Editor of the
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Sir,—Having read quite enough of "Lonely Heart" and "Bored" correspondence from your younger people, I herewith hand them an opportunity to become less lonely and less bored by writing to me. I am 28, graduate from college and good-looking—6ft tall.

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T. Eugene Bowers.

77a Revere St. Boston. Mass. Dec. 2.

The S. N. Railway:

Serious Not Exaggerated

To the Editor of the
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Sir,—The recent correspondence on the subject of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway in no way exaggerates the seriousness of the present very unsatisfactory position. If the Japanese ever expect one to believe in their professed honesty of purpose, they should make early arrangements for the return of the railway to its proper Administration so that operation might be resumed on a business basis. The unintelligent excuse of "military necessity" must fade into the background and make room for serious negotiation.

The income of the Net Profit Certificate Holders depends entirely on economic and unrestricted traffic, and the Japanese must acknowledge liability for losses incurred and attributable to their own direct and deliberate actions. Investors have to live on their income and Japanese hot-air is not a satisfactory substitute.

The property in the railway is only nominally Chinese. It is all mortgaged, and the Japanese are well aware of the third party interests.

What is happening to the revenue now being earned? And when may we expect a distribution of our share of the profits for the year 1938? The Japanese know the terms on which the railway was financed and built, therefore they should realize the price they must pay while they find it necessary to hold it by force and operate it in a restricted and uneconomic manner for their own purposes.

Net Profits.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

Uncontrolled Dogs:

Remonstrance with a Lady

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—I shall be obliged if you will kindly allow me the use of your correspondence columns to inform the lady accompanied by two uncontrolled Cairn terriers and a Setter on Tunsin Road at noon today that one of the Cairn terriers which attacked my controlled wire-haired terrier was successful in tearing the mouth of my animal. If the observance of Municipal regulations is to be completely ignored by responsible foreigners who allow their dogs to run wild the recent appeal of the Municipal Police requesting co-operation in the observance of regulations appears to have been given very little heed.

One Willing to Co-operate.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.

A Leading Article:

Thoughts on Christmas

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—One is apt to pass compliments around promiscuously at Yuletide vying with one's fellows in friendly rivalry. This letter written in praise of your exceedingly well written leader, "Christmas Day, 1938," does not belong to this perfunctory class of compliment, because your said leader is an appropriate essay on a worthy subject—beautiful thoughts expressed in excellently chosen words. It tugs at one's heartstrings and causes one's breath to catch and then quicken, so matter how callous one may be.

Your reference to memories is particularly appealing for Christmas is indeed the time for reliving one's life again. Joys and sorrows of dear dead days are fondly resurrected. At Christmas our joys are accentuated and appear the more pleasant while our sorrows are softened and feel less smarting. Even memories of that which had caused one such pain and distress are cherished for the very twinge of hurt they can still arouse. These scenes, often mountains created out of molehills, can never be enacted again since some of the participants have already proceeded to greener pastures and beyond our beckoning. And that dear elegant Miss with whom one has been so madly in love, is as a matter of course recalled in fond reverie. She has come back, time and time again in one's dreams during the intervening years. Even today, one cannot think of her without some agitation and flutter of his heart. There had been no news of her, but one just knows that she is well and happy, but little realizing that there is one heart that raced at the mere thought of her.

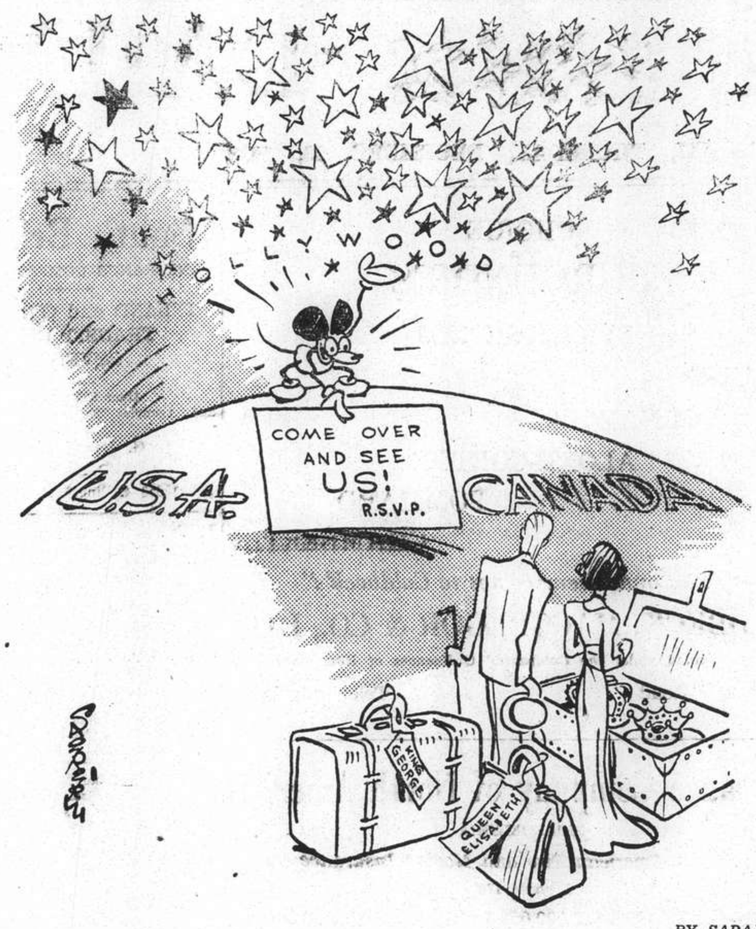
The residents of much-slandered Shanghai, both foreign and Chinese, have done themselves proud in entering fully and heartily into the spirit of the seasonal revelry and gaiety. Their enthusiasm and ardour are dampened neither by the losses sustained during the hostilities nor by the uncertainty of the morrow, rendered speculative by the grim spectre of war that is hovering over Europe. The Shanghai residents know well that in case of eventualities, our city will receive the full force of the repercussions. Yet Shanghai had smiled courageously, albeit through tears, showing its ability to take punishment and look bravely to the future years.

It is all as it should be, for the momentary gaiety is the sorely needed respite from the headaches and heartaches of the troubleous months that had just passed.

By the bye, in spite of the stiff biting cold northwester ablowing continuously, a goodly cosmopolitan crowd thronged Nanking Road and other thoroughfares of Shanghai all through Christmas Day. Foreign department stores were closed. Those Chinese-owned department stores, managed by Christians, also closed their doors for the day. Sun Sun, Lai Wah and The Emporium had however remained open. They were packed and did a roaring business. Their sales staff proved grossly inadequate to meet the demand that was made upon them. This inadequacy of service as well as the jostling within and without the stores and amusement centres were all taken good-naturedly by the milling crowd in true Christmas spirit. Christmas Day, 1938 has gone, but not to be forgotten.

Kao Kwok.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.



BY SAPAJOU

Another State Visit for Their Majesties ?

S.M.P. Deal With 1,715 Cases

Report for November Notes Three Bomb Outrages and Six Murders; Arrests Rise

The Commissioner of Police reports for November that the total of 1,715 cases of crime dealt with by the Settlement Police shows a decrease of 12 in comparison with that for October and an increase of 588 as compared with the figure for the corresponding month of last year. The figures for November also contain 146 crimes brought to light by Police investigation.

Arrests for crime committed during the month show an increase as compared with October and a decrease as compared with September, 1,382 persons having been arrested in November as against 1,288 in October and 1,397 in September. In addition 111 persons were taken into custody for crimes committed in previous months, and 46 persons were arrested on behalf of other authorities.

Included in the arrests effected in November for crimes committed within the jurisdiction of the Shanghai Municipal Police are 42 persons wanted in connection with armed crimes. Twenty firearms were seized together with a large quantity of ammunition.

Six cases of murder were recorded.

(1) A male Chinese was shot in the back and fatally wounded, whilst riding in a rickshaw on Chekiang Road. His assailant was wounded by the Police in the course of the shooting affray which ensued and was arrested. The motive for this offence was political.

(2) A male Chinese was shot with fatal results whilst walking along Fokien Road by some unknown armed persons.

(3) A male Chinese was shot and seriously wounded in a room in a lodging house. He later succumbed to his injuries. The motive is unknown.

(4) A male Chinese was shot and fatally wounded whilst walking along Chekiang Road. The motive for the attack is at present unknown.

(5) Following a robbery by five armed Chinese from a residence in Wuting Road, a female Chinese and her son were fatally shot.

Man and Wife Attacked

(6) A male Chinese was assaulted with an axe in his residence by three male Chinese, one of whom was also in possession of a pistol. The injured man subsequently died from the injuries received. His wife was slightly wounded on her head and arms.

Five cases of attempted murder were reported.

(1) A male Chinese received slight injuries when his motor car was fired upon by unknown Chinese, after he had left a hotel in Hankow Road. The motive for the attack has not been ascertained.

(2) A Chinese Police Constable attempted to extort money from a Chinese inmate of a house on Boone Road, and afterwards fired a shot from his service pistol wounding his victim in the neck.

(3) The same Police Constable fired two shots and seriously wounded a Chinese Police Watchman on Ningpo Road. The Constable has not yet been located.

(4) A male Chinese doctor whilst proceeding to his residence on Connaught Road was followed by a male Chinese who fired two shots at him, both taking effect. The assailant escaped.

(5) Two Chinese ordure coolies received serious wounds after having been attacked by five male Chinese armed with axes. Three of the assailants were arrested.

One case of armed kidnapping occurred.

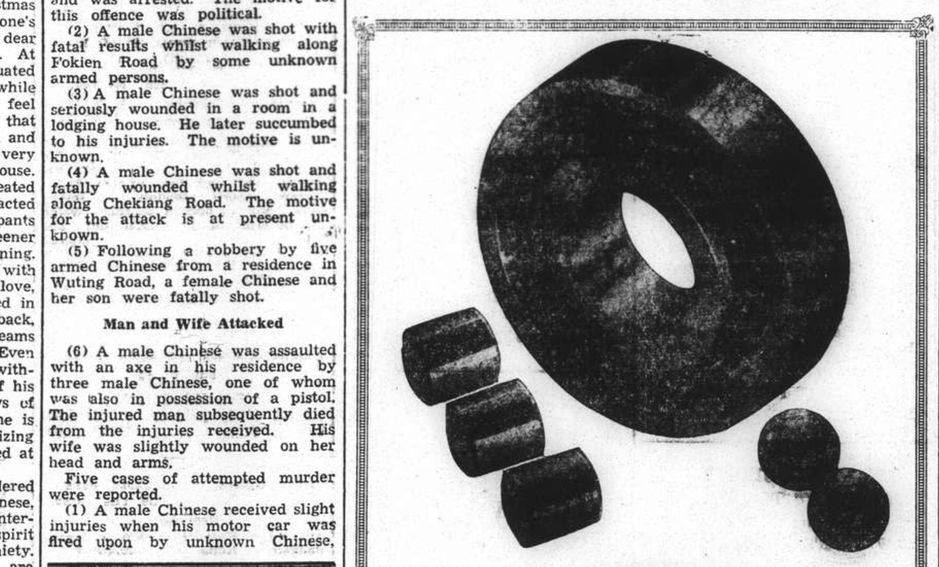
Three Bombing Cases

There were three cases of bomb outrages during the month.

(1) On November 2, a parcel purporting to contain several books, which had previously been left at a book store on Foochow Road, was opened by one of the employees. The contents immediately exploded, causing injury to two of the employees, one of whom has since died.

(2) On November 6, a bomb was thrown into the bar known as "Ma Jackson Bar" on Bubbling Well Road. It exploded causing injuries to 7 service men and 2 Chinese waitresses. There was also slight damage done to property in the bar. The identity of the culprit has not been ascertained.

(3) On November 9, several male Chinese entered a residence on Gordon Road, whilst a wedding party was in progress, threw four grenades and fired several shots. Three of the grenades exploded, causing injury to one person and some damage to property. The culprits escaped.



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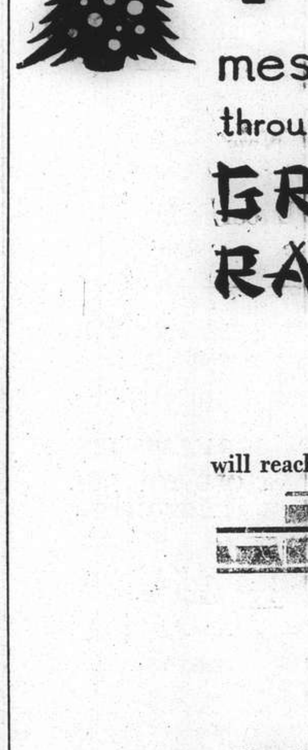

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From the "North-China Daily News" of December 29, 1878

We have before us a copy of the "Ladies' Directory" (Red Book) for Shanghai, for the year 1879. This issue does not differ materially from previous ones, but fully sustains the reputation of the work. It is beautifully printed and tastefully bound, with a coloured and gilded title page and rubricated marginal lines. We find colloquial phrases to assist newcomers in their speech with servants, a directory of places, a list of the roads, and—occupying the largest number of pages—the list of lady residents, headed by the well chosen motto "*Domus et Placens Uxor.*" We have now nearly 300 ladies amongst us, a fact which indicates the change in the conditions of foreign life in China and which will help to improve the place in its social aspect. The ruled pages for visiting notes will be found a great utility, and various convenient tables are added. As there are certain volumes without which no gentleman's library is complete, so there are certain columns without which no lady's work-table can be said to be properly furnished. One of these is certainly the "Red Book" of 1879.

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Current Films

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RIALTO.—"Her Jungle Love."—A sensational and thrilling story of romance in the tropics. With Dorothy Lamour and Ray Milland.

Films Coming

"You Can't Take it With You."—Mr. High Pressure Moneybags pits himself against old Grandpa Take-It-Easy and learns in two hilarious hours that the best things of life are those that come free—Pulitzer Prize Winner with Jean Arthur, James Stewart, Lionel Barrymore, Edward Arnold, Mischa Auer, Ann Miller, Spring Byington, Samuel S. Hinds, Donald Meek and H. B. Warner. Soon at the **CATHAY.**

"Girl of the Golden West."—Glorious melodies and thrilling adventure bring you America's singing sweethearts in a romance-packed, spectacular drama of the old West in Gold Rush days. With Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy. Walter Pidgeon, Leo Carrillo, Buddy Ebsen, Leonard Penn, Priscilla Lawson and Bob Murphy. Tomorrow at the **NANKING.**

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"Shopworn Angel."—Doughboy, showgirl, man-about-town—three likeable folks work out their tangled destinies in a three-sided romance. With Margaret Sullavan, James Stewart, Walter Pidgeon, Hattie McDaniel and Nat Pendleton. Soon at the **NANKING.**

"Straight, Place and Show." When the Ritz Bros inherit a race-horse, the fun waxes fast and furious that even the horse has to hee-haw occasionally. The cast includes Richard Arlen, Ethel Merman, Phyllis Brooks, George Barbier and Willie Best. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"Service de Luxe."—Mirth and romance alternate in the affairs of an exclusive bureau whose business is to pander to the vanity of millionaires and handle their man-eating daughters. With Constance Bennett, Vincent Price, Charlie Ruggles, Helen Broderick, Mischa Auer, Joy Hodges and Frances Robinson. Booked for the **CATHAY.**

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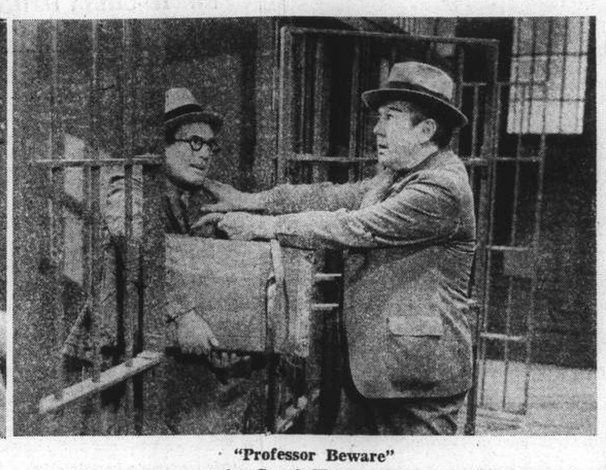
RENAISSANCE.—Night club. Russian and Caucasian cooking. Vertinsky.
ROXY.—Night club. Geza and Gino.
SUN YA.—Chinese delicacies at tiffin, tea and dinner.
TOWER.—Night club. Dancing at 9.30 p.m. Browning, and Benino and Bocharoff.
WINTER GARDEN.—Night club. Volsky's Midnight Follies. Nina Kellan's orchestra.

"The Divorced Lady"
Sophie Zorich with the Russian Light Opera next week at the Lyceum.

FROM SHANGHAI FOOTLIGHTS AND FILMS

"You Can't Take it with You"
Jean Arthur and James Stewart are the romantic team in the next production at the Cathay Theatre, supported by Lionel Barrymore, Edward Arnold and Mischa Auer.



"Professor Beware"
Harold Lloyd opens at the Grand Theatre today, supported by such associated players as Phyllis Welch, Raymond Walburn, Lionel Stander, William Frawley and Thurston Hall.

"The Girl of the Golden West"
Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, perennial favourites of the singing screen, come to the Nanking Theatre tomorrow—also Leo Carrillo, Buddy Ebsen and Walter Pidgeon.

"The Adventures of Marco Polo"
For their New Year film the Metropol Theatre is presenting Gary Cooper and Sigrid Gurie, supported by Basil Rathbone, Ernest Truex, George Barbier, Alan Hale and H. B. Warner.

New Year's Eve at The Palace

Saturday's dinner dance in observance of the New Year Eve to be held at the Palace Hotel promises to be one of the outstanding functions in the hotel's annals and patrons who were so highly pleased last year, will have still more to look forward to. The cuisine will be of the same high quality, the service no whit less personal or effective, while the entertainment programme will feature Nina Kellan's Midnight Follies, the Astor Trio and the Kulpa Sisters. The latter are strange to Shanghai, but in their short stay have made a host of admirers. For instance their adagio number evinced much enthusiasm as in the visits of previous troupes, usually two men and a girl were utilized. Also their Hawaiian trio called for favourable comment. The usual carnival effects will be available in great profusion.

Jockey Night Club

Shanghai's newest night club, the Jockey, 479 Yu Yuen Road, will have its formal opening on Saturday night. The owner of the Jockey, which is stated to be ultra-smart and beautifully decorated, is Mr. Jack Weiss, formerly of the Paramount Ballroom and Astor House Hotel. There will be no cover charge on the opening night, it is stated. According to reports, the Jockey is the last word in modern night clubs, being a combination of the latest Continental and American ideas. Comfort will be the keynote. A small but select orchestra has been engaged and at the bar will be found experienced hostesses. Short orders will be served at all hours.

Cozy Atmosphere

The cozy and intime atmosphere at the Maskee during the past week has been the scene of some of the most enjoyable holiday parties the port has witnessed. For the New Year, however, it is pointed out that both before and after "Auld Lang Syne" special entertainment and musical items will be featured, turns particularly in keeping with the premises and the occasion. George Cellars at the piano, Golshtein (drums) and Ardatoff (accordeon) have prepared unique arrangements, which promise to be popular. With their established reputation, there should be no doubt as to the quality of their presentations.

Teddy and Ferry

Since the engagement of Teddy and Ferry Guzza, entertainers de luxe, patrons of D.D.'s have been attending in greater numbers to welcome them back to Shanghai, it being recalled that several years ago they were the talk of the town. They have smartened up their work by a visit to Manila and abroad and their items have taken a more American style, without losing their basic foundations. That they will be at their best over the week-end holidays goes without saying.

Rover Scouts Ball

The 7th Shanghai Rover Crew are newly-formed link in the Boy Scouts Association in this city, and in the three months since they commenced their activities, have thoroughly proved their worth.

To help it prosper and enable members to take fuller part in the duties required of them, the Crew have launched on a special Rover Ball which is to be held at the Masonic Hall on Avenue Road, starting at 9 o'clock this evening.

A fine variety musical programme will be offered in addition to popular dancing with music supplied by Cliff Flook and his orchestra. Sitnikova, prima donna of the Shanghai Grand Opera House will render selections from "La Boheme," while others who will take part in the programme include Miss G. Kazakova and Messrs. G. Fedine and E. Hovans.

Hungarian Violinist
Stella Sirmay Silman plays nightly at this ball-room restaurant.

Le Ballet Russe in "Swan Lake"

One of the outstanding entertainments of the beginning of the coming year will be the Tschaikowsky's ballet, "Le Lac des Cygnes" (Swan Lake) presented at the Lyceum Theatre on January 12, 14 and 15 by the Russian Ballet.

A very strong cast with Miss Audrey King, English ballerina, in the lead, gorgeous costumes and beautiful scenery together with enchanting symphonic accompaniment will make this ballet Musical event in the theatrical life of Shanghai.

No one should miss the show of such magnitude and refined beauty. Le Ballet Russe only presents a few shows each season but these shows may be said to rival similar shows staged in large European centres.

At the Hungaria

Excellent musical is being rendered nightly at the Hungaria, recently-opened dinning and dancing establishment. Mistress of the violin and accordeon, Miss Stella Sirmay Silman has with her Larry Deutch and Sandor Stern, the former vocalist and at the drums, the latter at the piano and accordeon. Deutch and Stern will be remembered as having been members of Gabor Radics' orchestra, which, after the conclusion of their Colombo engagement broke up as the Radics, junior and senior, returned to their home in Budapest, while the remainder came back to Shanghai. This trio are an excellent combination, all of which enhances the tasty Hungarian and foreign viands, for which the place justly is becoming known.

Successful Features

Those who attended the Jessfield Club over the Christmas holidays found that the situation was up to expectation. For the New Year the management points out that the various successful features of the establishment will be emphasized during the coming week-end. Bulmer, Roth and Boder are expected to be in fine fettle with their musical items and have promised to outdo themselves. They are a happy aggregation and are most pleased to respond to any request. Festivities begin early and close early in the morning.

Saturday's Surprises

The management of the Roxy indicate that preparations are in readiness for the week-end celebrations, which includes a surprise for the midnight hour on Saturday. As happened last week, no advance hints regarding the surprises were made public and were a distinct surprise to patrons. This night club specializes in good music, both classical and jazz, and the entertainers have some new and quaint melodies for the occasion.

Winter Garden New Year Floor Show

The New Year's Eve celebration at the Winter Garden on Saturday will take the form of a special programme of entertainment, a special dinner and several surprises for guests, it is announced by the management. The entertainment will be presented by the Midnight Follies, Irene and Tania, Sid Kamau, Tod Sanborn, the Marimba Five, Tommy and Jimmy and Nina Claire. Tonight in amateur singing night.

Del Monte New Year

The management of the Del Monte always has something in store for its patrons on New Year's Eve, something different from the usual run of things and this year it is promised by the management that no person attending their party will be disappointed. The floor show and orchestra are working in unison to present the best possible combinations with a particularly effective number at midnight. Dancing will continue until the wee small hours, with the favourite ham and eggs at all hours.

"The Divorced Wife"

Patrons of the Russian Light Opera will note that the company are presenting Leo Fall's "The Divorced Wife" in the Lyceum Theatre on January 5, 7 and 9, with the greater part of the cast participating. It is probable that this will be their only production during January, inasmuch as a number of other items have asked for space in the theatre.

Bitner and Zorich have the leading roles supported by Valin, Rosen and Kudinoff, while Seroff is producing, as well as leading the ballet. Sloutsky is to direct the orchestra.

At the Casanova

A special floor show which will include a feminine artiste newly arrived in Shanghai, will be presented at the Casanova Ballroom to-night and for a limited period. The management announces that this year no special dinner will be served but that the celebration of New Year's Eve will be on an elaborate scale.

The Lambeth at New Year

Anticipating a capacity crowd on New Year's Eve, Mr. M. Dietrich, manager of the new Lambeth Bar, the smart night club on the balcony floor of the Paramount Ballroom, suggests that those planning to celebrate the occasion there make early reservations. A special dinner will be served and the entertainment and music will be in the hands of Ray, Rosie and Richard Reynolds. The Lambeth is entirely apart from the ballroom proper and has its own dance floor and orchestra.

Divertissements

Unique divertissements for the holidays are listed on the entertainment menu at the Gaiety, recently opened night club, which caters to discriminating foreign patronage. Heading the list of artistes are Chervonaya and Andreef, who will be supported by associated dancers and vocalists. The management given due attention to the cuisine, either foreign food or Russian specialties being available.

Fiaker Food

The Fiaker, recently opened restaurant on Avenue Joffre, which specializes in Viennese and Hungarian foods, announces a special menu for the approaching holidays, something different from the usual fare. With Pepi at the piano during tea and dinner, enticing music may be expected by guests.

Buddhist Abbot Faces Extortion Charge

Woman Alleges Attempt to Blackmail Her

Shao Pao-ching and Abbot Miao Feng, who are supposed to be faithful followers of Buddha in charge of small temples, were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday charged with attempted extortion in which a woman disciple of Buddha was the intended victim. In view of the complicated nature of the case in which a title deed was allegedly forged, the police asked the court to postpone the hearing to Thursday next, which request was granted.

The intended victim Mrs. Hsu Sheng-fah, who often goes to Chinese temples to pray, became acquainted with the first accused Shao some years ago when he was in charge of a temple in Chapei. It was revealed in court that since then Shao succeeded in obtaining money from the woman who was once defrauded of $200 in exchange for an imitation ancient Buddhist prayer book. Shao was also alleged to have written an extortion letter to her knowing that she was rich.

Recently, when the woman refused to give money for nothing Shao allegedly connived with the second accused, who is the priest in charge of a Markham Road temple and a gangster named Yeo, who is at large, in trying to extort money from her. She was waylaid near Avenue Road where Yeo allegedly produced a title deed explaining that it was she who caused him to be in debt in a land deal since she promised to marry him only after he had bought land to build a house.

The accused were alleged to have thought that by defamation the woman would be forced to surrender cash in order to have the secret of marriage proposal hushed up as she is not supposed to marry being a devoted life-time follower of Buddha. There was a quarrel in the street and the attention of the police was soon attracted resulting in the accused being arrested. A third Chinese, however, managed to slip away.

Fifty-Seven Robberies During November

Settlement Police Report Also Notes 44 Breakings

There were 47 reports of armed robbery, ten more than in October and a decrease of 19 as compared with the figure for the corresponding month of last year, it is stated in the November report of the Settlement Police.

There were ten other robberies, an increase of three over the figure for October.

The number of housebreakings recorded was 44 as compared with 42 in October.

The number of burglaries reported was 38, an increase of 9 over the figure for October.

There were 1,046 cases of simple theft, a decrease of 46 as compared with last month.

Three Wounded Men Landed From Pootung

Guerilla Fight Thought Cause of Injuries

Three Chinese villagers were admitted to the Lester Chinese and Red Cross Hospitals early yesterday morning suffering from bullet wounds which they are believed to have received when caught in an engagement between guerillas and Japanese soldiers in Pootung.

The three men were landed at the foot of Canton Road at about 2 a.m. They had bullet wounds and fractures, and were immediately sent to hospital.

Refugee Camp Chiefs Sentenced

Calendars Sold in Guise Of Charity

Charged with swindling in which the accused were found to have lured people to buy their goods under the guise of philanthropy, two refugee camp officers Sun Deh-lin and Chu Yi-fan were each sentenced to two months' imprisonment yesterday by the Second Special District Court but their sentences were suspended for two years. Four other detained persons were declared not guilty.

The first accused was, until recently, in charge of a refugee camp in Canton Road and under the latter's name he organized a sales department in the French Concession where he sold 1939 calendars to many Concession residents stating that he was doing business for refugees but, in reality, he tried to realize a profit to his own advantage in co-operation with the other accused.

His customers would have pardoned him had it not been for the fact that he showed them a receipt supposedly issued by the late Mr. Loh Lien-kwei, late chief Chinese detective of the Settlement police who was murdered some months ago. The accused wanted to show that their business was supported by prominent men but their trick was not at all tactfully played in this particular case.

Woman Killed Under Bus in Yu Yuen Road

Fire Brigade Summoned To Extricate Body

A Chinese woman was fatally injured and a small girl walking with her suffered minor injuries yesterday afternoon when they were struck by a double-deck bus of the China General Omnibus Company in Yu Yuen Road near the entrance to Jessfield Park.

The woman fell under the rear wheels of the bus, and it was necessary to send for the Fire Brigade rescue van to extricate her. When she was finally freed she had suffered such injuries that she was pronounced dead on being taken to hospital in a Fire Brigade ambulance. The injuries included fractures of the skull and spine.

The accident occured at about 3 o'clock. The rescue van responded from Central Fire Station and simultaneously an ambulance was despatched to the scene. The small child who was with the woman escaped with head injuries that are not considered serious.

Two other Chinese women were injured in bus accidents in the Settlement yesterday.

The Renaissance

Great plans are in store at the Renaissance restaurant and ballroom for observing the New Year holidays, with, first of all a splendid dinner on Saturday night and, secondly with new songs by Vertinsky. The latter's popularity has not waned with the passage of time and foreigners as well as Russians, enjoy his efforts. The premises will remain open throughout the night.

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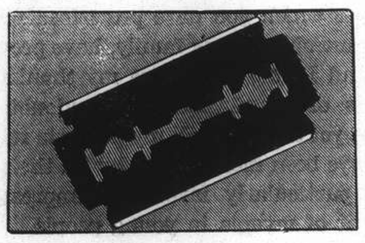

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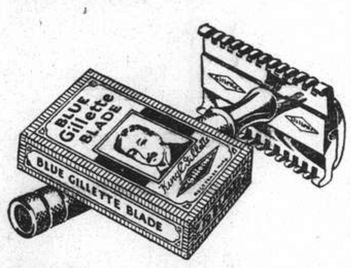

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HASICK.—On December 27, 1938, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. HASICK, a daughter. -7049

MACFARLANE.—On December 27 and 28, 1938, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to CHARTERIS, wife of R. Macfarlane, twin sons. -7040

DEATH

HASICK.—On December 28, 1938, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hasick. -7049

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

CHOICE OF WEAPONS

Very considerable interest has been aroused by the pulication in these columns yesterday of a despatch from the special correspondent of the "North-China Daily News" in Japan reporting Mr. Ginjiro Fujihara's views on the possibility of Japan being able to carry out her ambitious project for the reconstruction of China without foreign financial assistance. Mr. Fujihara is one of Japan's foremost industrialists, and business leaders, and his opinions deserve the greatest respect, always with the proviso, however, that much of what he said was probably designed solely for home consumption. It is necessary that his conclusions should be recalled. They are as follow:

> Japan alone can accomplish the task of reconstructing China by means of her own financial resources and ability, plus her human strength; that is, unflinching determination to succeed and hard work.
>
> After reform of China's financial structure it can be made to defray the expenses of the new government to be established, as well as of the Japanese army that will have to be maintained there to preserve peace and order.
>
> After China's commerce has been readjusted, the work of reconstruction and development can be achieved without borrowing a single penny from foreign capitalists, though their investments will be welcomed if advanced in the spirit of real co-operation.
>
> The idea prevalent abroad that Japan can be beaten by economic warfare is a fallacy, because it fails to take the human element into consideration.
>
> Tremendous progress and prosperity awaits a reborn China, attended by commensurate benefits to both Japan and China, and in which the Western nations can participate if they are so disposed.
>
> An indication of what Japan will be able to do in China is seen not only in the successful founding of Manchoukuo (which Westerners expected would break Japan financially) but in the development of Taiwan (Formosa) and Chosen (Korea) whose foreign trade increased 3,000 per cent. and 2,000 per cent. respectively since they were acquired by Japan, which is ten times greater than the similar increases in New Zealand and Australia respectively during the comparable periods of their development.

Mr. Fujihara bases his views largely on what Japan has done in Korea, Manchoukuo, and Taiwan, and in the course of his address adduced imposing reasons to support the contentions which he makes. In fact the speech may be taken as an industrialist's reply to Mr. Neville Chamberlain's recent statement about Japan's future need for money in the development of China.

At first glance there is a great deal in what he says, but his arguments are not without their fallacies. It can be admitted that it is possible for Japan to carry out her programme without outside assistance, but if it is desired to obtain a quick return on the enormous amounts of money she has already spent in China, and in all probability will have to spend for quite some time to come, foreign assistance will be necessary. Here, naturally, the time factor plays an important part. If she is prepared to postpone reaping the fruits of her military venture, awaiting the slow process which is inevitable if she determines to carry out the work unaided, she may very well dispense with the assistance from abroad which it is confidently expected in some quarters will be necessary. Again after the reform of financial structure of the occupied portion of China it may be possible to defray the expenses of the new government and the maintenance of Japanese garrisons in the country, but the experience of the past year in north China shows that attempts to remodel the financial structure there have met with nothing but failure, while indications from the north concerning the new taxation which it is proposed to levy are to the effect that a heavy burden will be placed upon the Chinese at a time when they need every assistance for their rehabilitation. A noteworthy example of this is to be found in the difference between the old and new taxation at Chefoo, for instance. The old revenue obtained by taxes by the municipal authorities was a little over $204,000 per annum: the proposed new taxes are expected to bring in no less a sum than $670,000 well over three times as great. Obviously so heavy a burden, repeated throughout the whole of the occupied territories must have a bad effect upon trade in general, and place a very onerous load on the people engaged in the struggle back to their former prosperity. True, it is proposed to raise about half this sum by means of an opium tax, but it is quite plain that the encouragement of opium smoking is again likely to militate against all round improvement.

When it is realized that the disaster which has been wreaked on China is already greater than that of the Taipings, and, when it is understood that there are districts in China which never recovered from that catastrophe, the likelihood of a rapid development without the use of very considerable sums of money seems not a little remote. Nevertheless it does depend entirely upon what Japan's policy is to be. If slow she can carry it out herself; if it is to be rapid she will need outside assistance. For this reason it is suggested that the financial threat is not quite so powerful as it would appear at first blush. It is only really applicable in one set of circumstances, and it has been shown that Japan has an alternative in this matter. It is obvious then that the real weapon in the hands of outraged foreign neutrals which can be depended upon to be the most effective is adequate retaliation for discrimination. With the ability to strike at forty per cent. of Japan's foreign trade, a means is available of shutting off that supply of money which in the event of Japan deciding to do without foreign assistance would make her task of rehabilitation in China even more difficult. It would be a blow at the very vitals of Japan's economic structure. The placing of Japanese trade under every disability which is at present placed upon neutral trade in China is the most powerful means of bringing pressure to bear upon Japan, for she has no means of avoiding its results. The destruction of a great portion of her trading, the subjection of her ocean carrying business to similar discrimination as that which she is exercising in China are perfectly good weapons, the use of which can be justified by precedents created by Japan. The financial arm is not quite so strong, for Mr. Fujihara has shown, with considerable conviction, that its effectiveness can be diminished merely by a change of policy concerning the rapidity with which it is proposed to reconstruct China.

Ocean Air Mails

While political difficulties continue to obstruct free communications, there is little possibility of improvement in the air mail situation as it involves China. Nevertheless, the original services created to link China with the United States and Europe continue to function successfully and, at the one point of contact in the world system of airways—Hongkong—the results predicted for air communications are being enjoyed. In his annual report to President Roosevelt, Mr. James A. Farley, the U.S. Postmaster General, revealed that on the Trans-Pacific route flown by Clippers of the Pan-American Airways, in the fiscal year ending June 30, performance had averaged 90.84 per cent. of the service scheduled for the year. In view of the pioneer character of the Pacific route, with its climatic difficulties and its long ocean flights, this is excellent, and a coincidental increase in traffic both ways along the route is public testimony to the reliability of the service. Naturally, international air mail interest largely centres on the Atlantic across which scores of experimental flights have been made by interested nations and an ample degree of security and reliability has been attained, but no regular service between the United States and Europe is in operation although it is hoped that something will be done in the near future. The two oceans, the Atlantic and the Pacific, offer different problems to the commercial air line and not the least important is the political side, for half a dozen nations are desirous of using the Atlantic route but the United States is fortunately situated to have the Pacific to herself. This does not deny equality of opportunity to other countries but it does credit the United States with any rewards for the enterprise displayed in opening and developing this route to China. It is reported that next February one of the new 72-passenger Boeing Clippers will be placed on the new service for experimental purpose. The new Clipper weighs 41 tons and the problem of the big machine on long ocean trips has thus to be studied before these machines are placed in regular use. Other lines entering Hongkong report improvements and acceleration and the introduction of new machines, but to China generally nothing can be done until conditions become stable and the national services, which operated so successfully and efficiently before the hostilities, are allowed normal activities. Then Shanghai may again appear on the world's air map and the long-delayed plan to extend Imperial Airways from Hongkong to Shanghai may be realized. In the meantime, opportunities for development are unhappily being lost.

More Assurances

The latest protest by the United States Ambassador to Tokyo appears to have had plenty of energy behind it, especially when the Japanese Foreign Minister was informed that Washington was more interested in results from protests than in hearing Japanese officials outline their future plans in China. With very few exceptions the Japanese Government has sought to stave off giving the demanded satisfaction, and if the report concerning Mr. Arita's latest reply is correct, he has again run true to form. He is reported to have expressed his regrets that the views of the Japanese Government did not coincide with those of third Powers in China, and to have promised that with the centralization of power in the new China Affairs Bureau more careful attention would be given to foreign protests. It is obvious that so long as Japan refrains from giving the necessary satisfaction on a continually growing list of complaints, there cannot be any betterment of the relations between Tokyo and the Governments of the nations involved as third party neutrals. Nor is it by any means clear that the establishment of the China Affairs Bureau will in any way tend towards a betterment, for so long as the Japanese military and naval authorities in China remain a law unto themselves, caring little for whatever attempts Tokyo might make to control their actions, it is plain that all the civilian ministers of the Japanese Government can do is blandly to express regrets which they know perfectly well are not felt by those immediately responsible for the abuses concerning which so many complaints have been made. Mr. Arita has done nothing recently to allay the dissatisfaction which is being generally felt over Japanese actions in China, either because he does not wish to or because he cannot, or perhaps, because of both reasons. There is even now very little evidence to show that the Japanese Government has any real control over their authorities on the spot in China.

The Jewish Refugees

The "North-China News" is very glad indeed to set at rest the canard which has been current for some days to the effect that the China General Omnibus Co. was contemplating discharging certain of its Russian employees and giving their jobs to some of the newly arrived refugees. It is unfortunate that the rumour was ever allowed to gain currency, for it is quite clear that the best interests of Shanghai lie in doing everything to prevent any outbreak of anti-Jewish sentiment in this city. It would have been a good thing if some form of authoritative action could have been taken to prevent that descent of large numbers of refugees upon this port, but as things stand this has been impossible, and Shanghai has been obliged willy-nilly to accept large numbers of destitute people at a time when its well known generosity has been placed under severe strain by the Sino-Japanese hostilities. Of late there has been much speculation concerning the possibility of the replacement of Gentile labour by some of the Jewish refugees. It should be made quite plain from the outset that this proceeding is wholly undesirable, and that any employer doing such a thing is rendering a definite disservice to the community as a whole. Racial discrimination can only invite retaliation, and when this is realized it can be readily understood that if such a practice is permitted to rule in Shanghai a state of affairs will be brought about which will be deplorable. A great deal of Shanghai's prosperity in the past has been due to the manner in which the various communities have been able to co-operate and to the good understanding which has prevailed amongst them. If the advent of these refugees is to throw the apple of discord into the midst of Shanghai, and to set community against community the results may very well prove tragic, and militate against the future return of that prosperity for which Shanghai as a whole so devoutly hopes. It is obvious that the absorption of the thousands of refugees who are expected into the economic life of Shanghai must of necessity be a slow process, slower, perhaps, than in the case of the Russians. That Shanghai faces a difficult problem with regard to these newcomers is clear, but it must be remembered that many of them are of that class of man who may, in the not very distant future very considerably enrich the community with their knowledge and ability.

IN PARENTHESIS

Pioneers

"You're the first tramp that's dared to come to my front door."

"Ah! that's me, lady, ever the pioneer."

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Publicity Rights

"How did you sink so low as to beg from door to door?"

"It's a long story, lady, but it's now in the hands of my publishers. I'm on my way to London to correct the proofs."

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Saved Trouble

"You look done up to-day, Bill. What's the trouble? asked an office friend. "Well," exclaimed Bill, "I didn't get home until daylight, and I was just undressing when my wife woke up, and said, 'Aren't you getting up pretty early?' To save an argument, I put on my clothes and came down to the office."

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Purely Sentimental

The Scotsman had lost a pound note. Sadly he entered the advertisement office of the local newspaper and handed in the notice he wanted inserted in the "Lost and Found" column. The clerk had difficulty in restraining his mirth when he read, "Lost, a £1 note. Sentimental value."

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Knowledge

The new farm hand was being shown his duties by the farmer.

"Noo," said the latter, "are ye only good at diggin' tatties?"

"Nae bad, but ye're better to get the man that planted them."

"How's that?"

"Weel, he kens whaur he pit them!"

* * *

Cardinal Sin

Mac, reaching into his hip pocket for his handkerchief, accidentally pulled out a set of false teeth.

"Faith and begorra, Mac," said Pat, "but why don't you wear your teeth in your mouth?"

"These are ma wife's," said Mac. "D'ye know, I arrived home early the ither afternoon and caught her 'ating between meals."

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Request

A Scotsman stood on the bridge gazing idly at the water. A canoeist coming down the river suddenly overturned. He went down, came up gasping. The Scot lookd on. Down he went the second time.

When he came up again the Scot shouted to him: "Say, mon, if ye dinna come up the next time, may I hae the boat?"

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American Howlers

A martyr is something like a bachelor.

A monsoon is a French gentleman.

A humidor is a Spanish Bull fighter.

An eavesdropper is an icicle.

Depicted means picked to pieces.

An anecdote is a billygoat without horns.

A tantrum is a two-seated bicycle.

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Well, Well, Well

Doctor in court: "I couldn't say whether the defendant's breath smelt of alcohol as I'd had some myself."

Quite a party.

Witness: "Several people picked me up and asked if I was all right. When I said I was, they dropped me back in the road."

What, no free brandy?

Motorist in court: "After the accident I heard one of the men on the dust cart say: 'Jolly good show.'"

Well, you can't say fairer than that even on a dust cart.

A Roxbury, Mass., hardware merchant used a novel idea to publicize his business. On all his delivery vans he has the name, business and address painted on upside down.

To increase turnover?

Judge at Grimsby, to solicitor who wanted to recall a witness:—

"By all means recall your witness. Recall them all if you like. Oh, no, don't look at the clock. I did that some time ago, but I've given it up."

A Justice of the piece-work?

THE WEATHER

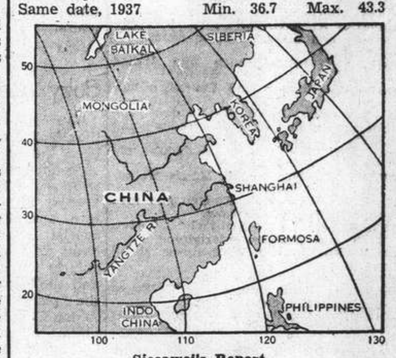
Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 28.5	Max. 42.0
Same date, 1937	Min. 39.0	Max. 42.5

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 25.5	Max. 43.3
Same date, 1937	Min. 36.7	Max. 43.3



Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 27th:—Siberian anticyclone high and steady over China, Korea and western Japan. Fresh to strong winter monsoon along the China Coast. Fine and cold weather, cloudy in places, in China.

State on the morning of the 28th:—Fine and cold weather. Moderate hoar frost. Northerly breezes. High and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine to cloudy and cold weather in China with fresh to strong winter monsoon around Shantung, over the Eastern Sea, our regions and Formosa. Rainy around the Loochoos.—Siccawei Observatory.

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To The Shanghai Mission To Rickshaw Men

Capt. P. M. B. Lake (Torquay) $50.00

To The King's Daughters' Society

In memory of Shorty Lockyer:—
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Olsen $20.00

Precautions Taken at Djibouti by France

Paris Press Reports of Italian Threats on French Somaliland Port Discounted; Border Limits Unfixed; Fascist Concentrations

Paris, Dec. 28.

THE French escort vessel Diberville, which is attached to the French Naval forces at Levant, and which is due to carry out a cruise in the Red Sea, has left Beirut for Djibouti. Official circles deny press reports that movements of Italian troops are threatening Djibouti. They say that, about six months ago, Italian mobile units occupied two cases in a zone where the frontier had still not definitely been delimited. This fact, however, and the question of frontier delimitation bear no relation to the present reports in the press, they add.

Diplomatic circles emphatically deny another report that M. Edouard Daladier, the Premier, and M. Georges Bonnet, the Foreign Minister, have invited Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, and Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, to confer with them in Paris before going to Rome in January.

The sensational report that the Italian authorities in Abyssinia are threatening to march on Djibouti (capital of French Somaliland) is published by "Pertinax" in the Right Centre newspaper "L'Ordre."

The report says that the Italian authorities are proclaiming that it is only a question of time before they march there and the "French are thrown into the sea." Italian troop movements are reported in the journal, for example, the Askaris are being sent to west Abyssinia to relieve contingents of the Gallas, who are being sent east. Roads, seemingly intended for military transport, are said to have been built from Assab to the French frontier.

It is pointed out that the French have only numerically weak detachments at Djibouti, whereas the Italians have 90,000 soldiers and 130,000 white and 150,000 native labourers there, although 185 miles of desert separate them from the French colony.

Sea Power Must Be Used

"Pertinax" says that it is by maritime power that the Italians must be kept in check. The Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, which separate French Somaliland from the Aden Protectorate, can be defended as the result of the co-operation of the French and the British at Djibouti and Aden, he declares. He adds that measures for such co-operation were taken in December, 1935.

Mme. Genevieve Tabouis, writing in L'Oeuvre," mentions the reported suggestion that France should submit to the Hague Court the question of the 700 Italian troops who, six months ago, were occupying posts in what was claimed to be French territory, 50 miles from Djibouti.—Reuter.

French Precautions

Paris, Dec. 27.

The French Government today ordered precautionary military measures in French Somaliland following receipt of reports upon movements of Italian troops in Italian Somaliland, it was stated in authoritative circles here this evening. A second battalion is reinforcing the present garrison in the colony, and the dispatch-boat Diberville left Beirut for Djibouti after cancelling her cruise in the Red Sea.

Precautionary measures were decided after conferences yesterday by the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, with the Colonial Minister, M. Georges Mandel, and between M. Mandel and General Jules Antoine Buhrer, Inspector-General of French Colonial Troops.

Incidents Not Unusual

Frequent incidents have taken place on the borders of French and Italian Somaliland, which have never been strictly delimited by the local French, Italian or Ethiopian authorities.

On several occasions, shepherds in Italian Somaliland have crossed the frontier into French territory. One year ago detachments of Italian troops occupied several wells in French Somaliland, and remained there since. Similar incidents have occurred on the borders of Italian and British Somaliland, and that the Franco-Italian border affairs are not serious in themselves. These minor incidents may, however, become of a more grave nature in view of present tension between Paris and Rome.

The Italo-Ethiopian conflict broke out following such a similar incident, that at Walwal on December 4, 1934, it was recalled. The Italians had for long occupied the Walwal post although it was outside Italian territory; strife finally occurred, leading to the Ethiopian campaign and all its ensuing complications.

Politicians believe an Italian manœuvre is bound to end in failure, because of the similar nature of the incidents on the Franco-Italian and Anglo-Italian borders of Somaliland. The British Government have already been informed of the tenor of France's recent reply to the Italian Note denouncing the 1935 accords.

Tunis, Corsica Visits

The programme for M. Daladier's impending journey to Tunisia and Corsica was finally established today during a conference at the War Ministry this afternoon.

M. Daladier will go in a French cruiser at Toulon immediately after Parliament votes upon the Budget either on January 2 or 3. Escorted by destroyers, his vessel will then make for Bastia, Corsica, where he will land for a few hours.

After accepting a welcome from M. Cesar Campinchi, Navy Ministry and a Corsican himself, and being greeted by Corsican Parliamentarians of all parties, the French Premier will again go on board the cruiser to proceed to Bizerte. He will then continue to Tunis. In the French possession, he will visit the defence works of South Tunisia and will also visit Algier, where he will remain one day. He will return to Paris in time for the opening of Parliament on January 10.—Havas.

American Nations Pledge Unity

Solidarity Declared Against Any Foreign Interference Moves

Lima, Peru, Dec. 27.

Twenty-one American Republics today signed the final act of the eighth Pan-American Conference containing 111 resolutions, not a single treaty nor convention, but including the important declaration of solidarity against foreign interference with American institutions and a pledge to continue efforts to ensure peace in the Western Hemisphere.

Signature of the final act, which was written in English, Spanish Portuguese and French, was begun at 9.50 a.m. when the Foreign Secretary of Panama, Sr. Narciso Garay, affixed the official seal of his country. Heads of the delegations from the remaining twenty Republics immediately did likewise, bringing the Conference to an end.

Accomplishments Listed

Delegates to the Conference listed the main accomplishments at this year's sessions as follows:

1. The Lima Declaration against foreign aggression, either military or political.
2. The pledge to remove trade barriers to as great an extent as possible.
3. Denial of the right of foreigners to exercise collectively in an American country such political rights as they would enjoy in their own countries.
4. Denial of the right of foreign groups to claim rights as national minorities in American Republics.
5. Condemnation of racial and religious persecution.

The United States delegation will sail for the United States in the liner Santa Maria tomorrow. Mr. Cordell Hull, American Secretary of State and head of the United States delegation, will be the principal speaker at a farewell dinner here tonight.—United Press.

Friendship as True Basis

Lima, Dec. 28.

Solid international relations can be based only on sincere friendship the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, declared at the banquet here yesterday evening following the official closing of the Pan-American conference.

"We know that in a large section of the world, faith in treaties has disappeared completely," he added. "We know that force proclaimed that it would triumph and that it would recognize no other equal but force. We know that normal conditions of life are dominated by efforts made to create ever stronger and more terrifying machines, the initial object of which is to create terror, while their final use can only lead to the ruin of the world. Let us strengthen the bases and principles of international and peaceful relations of order and equality among us. Let us work together more efficiently to resist the expansion of these influences on our continent.

"International relations created by force or interested aims last until that force exhausts tself or is destroyed or when interests change," Mr. Hull continued. "We are making great efforts to establish our relations on the basis of confident friendship. We are all convinced that we shall succeed and that this friendship will remain the strongest link among us."—Havas.

New Action Against Jews Urged

Nazi Extremist Organ Cites U.S. Laws for Segregation

Berlin, Dec. 27.

Jews, even foreign Jews, should be forced to travel in special sleeping compartments when on board trains in Germany, the "Schwarze Korps," news organ of the Storm Troopers, advocated today in a special article.

"It is with no pleasure that one sees in the pitiless light of morning that the companion of one's peaceful dreams was a man who has just finished a three-year term in prison for a crime against the race," this newspaper asserted.

Financial difficulties involved in building special compartments and sleeping-couches for Jews, are admitted but it also stated that Jews could be obliged to reserve sleeper-berths two days in advance so that the rail companies could group all Jews together. In ordinary railway carriages no such bother would be occasioned, as "Even now there are special compartments for people travelling with dogs."

An example given is the travel laws of the United States, where, it said, coloured people of all nationalities must travel in special compartments. "This democratic example shows us how we should solve the problem of foreign Jews travelling in Germany," the journal concluded.—Havas.

Tea Combine in Yunnan

Chungking, Dec. 23.

The China Tea Company and the Fuhua Tea Company have combined to form the Yunnan Tea Company, with a capital of $1,000,000 supplied by the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers' Bank. The purpose of this company is to develop the Yunnan tea industry, and, particularly, to improve the famous Yunnan "Pu Erh" tea for export.—Reuter.

Tokyo Peace Feelers Not Promising

"The Times" Comments On Latest Proposals

London, Dec. 28.

"The Times," in a lenghty editorial today entitled "Japan Talks Peace," says that the statement that Japan is bent on a complete extermination of the Government of China is an unpromising, though novel, opening for peace proposals.

After outlining the proposals, "The Times" says that an interpretation of the terms must remain obscure until they have been elucidated on several points. For instance, continues the paper, that proposal concerning Japanese garrisons on Chinese territories is of prime importance.

"On what scale," asks "The Times," "do the Japanese propose to exercise this right?"

Military occupation at specified points declares the paper, will imply military control of lines of communication between these points without which no Japanese garrison will be able, for two generations at least, to feel secure.

"The Times" continues: "Freedom of residence and trade likewise is a right which very few Japanese will at present care to enjoy without adequate military protection.

Relative Moderation

"Perhaps the most important thing about the proposals is their relative—the epithet is important—moderation. They hardly exceed the demands made in July of 1937. The emphasis is all on North China and the Mongolian corridor.

"At the same time, it would be idle to ignore the possibility that Prince Konoye, Japanese Premier, is only kite-flying.

"Possibly the proposals are put forward in a relatively attractive form with a view to sowing dissention between the Chiang Kai-shek communists and the right wing elements anxious for peace at any reasonable price.

Chinese unity, far stronger than it ever was before, would hardly survive an attempt to open peace negotiations on terms such as these, and the Chinese are a stubborn and far-sighted race and will not easily be persuaded that their sufferings have been in vain.

"Such attraction as the proposals might have for the Chinese, will be somewhat lessened by the British and American decision to extend financial aid to China.

"These credits may be taken as emblematic of a common determination to assert and defend, by legitimate means against illegitimate discrimination, the rights and interests of Britain and America in China.

American Initiative

"The intiative was taken by America, which, in the past few months, has pursued a more vigorous line than any other foreign Power on the Pacific.

"It is questionable whether our Far Eastern policy in the past eighteen months need have been as consistently long-suffering as in fact it has been. It is to the credit of America that she has given the world a lead.

"Japan has not concealed her uneasiness at he first concrete sign of the two great Powers embarking on just the kind of parallel action which she had hoped, by manœuvring, to forestall.

"The credits will be as welcome in China as their implications are unwelcome in Japan.

"It looks as if Japan, whose relations with Russia are strained by the fisheries dispute, is awakening to the delicacy of the position to which her extremists have brought her."—Reuter.

U.S. in Grip Of Old Man Winter

Icy Gales, Snowstorms Ravage Great Lakes Area

New York, Dec. 28.

Fierce icy gales and blinding snowstorms are sweeping the northern half of the United States, where temperatures as low as 37 below zero are being experienced.

A 61-mile-an-hour gale is lashing the Great Lakes, and the coast guard has reported that the heaviest sea for years is pounding the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, while 30 feet waves are turning Lake Erie into a miniature Atlantic. The Erie and Buffalo gales have necessitated ropes along the streets to enable pedestrians to remain upright.

Snow drifts in the north-west are ten feet high and trains, filled with holiday makers, have been delayed. So far no fatalities have been reported, despite the dangerous conditions for pedestrians and travellers. Reports from Toronto state that the worst snowstorm of the winter is raging throughout Ontario.—Reuter.

Thaw Begins in Britain

London, Dec. 27.

A steady and rapid thaw set in yesterday afternoon and traces of last week's severe weather are quickly disapptaring. Nevertheless many isolated villages remain snowbound and in Lincolnshire gangs of labourers, fifty to a hundred strong, are working to cut a way through to stranded country people, with whom there has been no communication owing to interruption of telephone service.—Wireless through Reuter.

Forest Fire Rages in California

A view of the scene at Topanga Canyon, near Santa Monica, at the approach of the raging forest fire which did $5,000,000 worth of damage in Lower California. Many homes of movie stars were devoured by the flames.

Guerillas Could Fight Japan For Indefinite Period

Institute of Pacific Relations Makes Known Results of Survey of Chinese Potentialities

San Francisco, Dec. 27.

GUERILLA governments and guerilla war machines rapidly being organized on a basis of absolute self-sufficiency throughout all the rural sections of North China should enable the Chinese to wage guerilla warfare against the Japanese for an "indefinite" period of time, is the opinion of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

According to the admissions of the Japanese themselves, the Institute points out, three fourths of North China, encompassing farm lands in the interior, still remain in the hands of the Chinese.

The area under control of the Japanese consists primarily of ports, railways and coastal areas. However, the Institute points out, the severance of the cities from the interior has in reality reacted to the benefit of the defenders, for while loss of modern transportation, railroads and highways is important for the cities, they are not for the rural areas, and for the conduct of the guerilla warfare which China will hereafter be constrained to maintain.

Fewer War Materials

From the standpoint of war materials, the Insitute reports, the guerilla war machine has no need for all the paraphernalia of modern, mechanized warfare, such as heavy artillery, tanks, mechanized transportation and railway communication. Instead, its weapons consist principally of rifles, hand grenades, gunpowder, trench mortars and sub-machine guns.

Throughout all the rural sections that are still in the hands of the Chinese, small arsenals exist for the unlimited manufacture of all the arms necessary along these lines. Gunpowder, the institute pointed out, was invented by the Chinese and the knowledge and materials necessary for its manufacture exist throughout rural China, still in the hands of peasants.

Hand grenades, one of the highly specialized weapons of Chinese guerilla warfare, are made out of any old kind of scrap iron and black gun powder.

Arsenals Sufficient

The local interior arsenals are also sufficient to produce the other lines of armaments required, the Institute reports.

This self-sufficiency also extends to the question of food supplies, for most crop areas of China are in the hands of the guerilla-controlled rural sections. By refusing to send most of the domestic crops to the Japanese-controlled cities, the Institute points out that the country's food supply is really increased for those who will continue the resistance to the Japanese.

Finally, the survey reveals, home-produced textiles in the areas remaining in the hands of the Chinese, are sufficient to render the guerillas self-sufficient in this one last necessary element.—United Press.

Protest Covered Wide Field

U.S. Not Satisfied with Japanese Reaction to Previous Notes

Washington, Dec. 26.

The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, today confirmed reports that the latest American protest to Japan delivered in Tokyo yesterday covered a broad list of complaints against Japanese interference with American interests in China.

Mr. Welles said the American Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Joseph Grew, not only protested against Japan's failure to reply to earlier protests against the bombing of American property in China, but informed the Japanese Foreign Minister that the United States was not satisfied with Japan's reply to protests against the Yangtze River blockade and other hindrances to foreign trade imposed by the Japanese military authorities in China.

Mr. Grew's latest protest to Mr. Hachiro Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, was made in accordance with standing instructions, Mr. Welles said. The protest informed Japan that the United States was more interested in results from protests than in hearing Japanese officials outline their future plans in China.

Mr. Welles did not reveal Mr. Arita's reply to Mr. Grew's latest representations. He said the full report had not yet reached Washington. Tokyo reports, however, said the Japanese Foreign Minister had expressed his "regrets" that the views of the Japanese Government did not coincide with those of third Powers in China. He was said to have promised that centralization of power in the new China Affairs Bureau would result in more careful attention to foreign protests.—United Press.

Baldwin Refugee Fund Tops £250,000

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 28.

The Baldwin refugee fund has now passed the £250,000 sterling mark.—Reuter.

Incidents in Beirut

Beirut, Dec. 27.

New incidents between the Moslems and Alaouites here occurred over the Christmas holidays and illfeeling between the two classes of people was increased. Five cars were looted in one incident, and in another, 150 armed Alaouites raided Kafernaa village and herded off 1,500 sheep.—Havas.

New German Aircraft-Carrier Ships May Change Sea Battle Manoeuvres

Britain Awaiting Details of Berlin Policy; Reich Favours Fast Corsaire-Type Vessels

London, Dec. 27.

Britain is awaiting information upon German construction of aircraft-carriers before deciding upon final plans for most of the new units provided for in her current naval programme authoritative quarters said today.

Admiralty circles are now very interested in the German vessels being built at present, for it is stated that the Reich is creating a fleet of speedy ships, aiming to possess vessels capable of defeating enemy craft of heavier tonnage.

There is a new German aircraft-carrier of the Corsaire type which, it is asserted, will be equipped with sixteen 6-inch and ten 4-inch guns that can be used against aeroplanes or enemy water-craft. The projected vessel will also be mounted with 22 "revolver guns" or anti-aircraft machine-guns, and it will have a top speed of 32 knots despite its heavy armour plating.

New British aircraft-carriers, according to present plans, would be of the Ark Royal type and would be armed with 16-inch and 4.5-inch guns and would be slower and not as well protected as the German ships.

The German units, naval circles speculated today, would most probably be used on the high seas to attack merchantmen. Cruisers would not be powerful enough to attack them, and it would be necessary to send capital-ships to drive them off—and this would disorganize the positioning of the fleet.

Admiralty services are now contemplating the construction of new units capable of checking the formidable German aircraft-carriers. They are waiting to know how many such ships are being constructed before drafting their final plans, it was understood.—Havas.

N. E. Indies Will Barter Sugar for Opium

Singapore, Dec. 28.

The Netherlands East Indies is to barter sugar for opium with Iran. This novel arrangement has been reached after protracted negotiations. Java has shipped 17,000 tons of sugar to Basra and, in return, Iran is sending an equal value of opium to the Netherlands East Indies Government, which has an opium monopoly.—Reuter.

Col. Simmons New O.C. in Shanghai

Gen. Telfer-Smollett's Successor Appointed; Brilliant War Record

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Dec. 28.

Col. Frank Keith Simmons, M.V.O., O.B.E., M.C., now serving as a general staff officer with the British Forces in Palestine, has been chosen to command the British troops in Shanghai in succession to Major-Gen. A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett, D.S.O., M.C., who has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey, Channel Isles.

Col. Simmons was born on February 21, 1888, and has had a distinguished army career. He served, first in the Territorials, in the European War, 1914-1918, was thrice mentioned in despatches and won the M.V.O., M.C. and the French Croix-de-Guerre. He was transferred to the Highland Light Infantry and became captain in the Cameron Highlanders towards the end of 1916. He was promoted major in May, 1927, lieutenant-colonel (brevet) on January 1, 1932, confirmed in this rank the following year, and made colonel on January, 1, 1936.

In 1924 Col. Simmons was seconded to the War Office as "G.S.O. 3" and the next year became "G.S.O. 2." He served as Military Attache at Madrid, 1928-1931. In 1936 he was sent to Palestine as Commander of the Southern Brigade and for his services there he received the O.B.E. and was promoted "G.S.O., first grade."

Col. Simmons's appointment to Shanghai is greatly commended in military circles here.

Japan-New York Freight Conference

Scope Raw-Silk Pool To Be Extended

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The Japan-New York Freight Rate Conference Commission is considering a scheme for pooling "miscellaneous goods" shipments to the United States on the lines of the present raw-silk pool.

The conference is composed of seven Japanese shipping companies, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, the Mitsui Line, the Kokusai Line, the Yamashita Kisen Kaisha and the Daido Line, and the Barber-Wilhelmsen Line (Norwegian), the Maersk Line (German) and the President Line (United States).

Next in importance to raw silk freights from Japan to the United States, miscellaneous goods are expected to exceed a hundred million yen in value next year. At present Japanese shipping concerns carry more than 80 per cent. The pooling arrangements are expected to lead to a further expansion of Japan's export trade.—Reuter.

National Mobilization Act in Japan

To Be Brought Into Force Early in New Year

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Virtually the full provisions of the National Mobilization Act will be brought into force early in the New Year, it is announced here. Six more Imperial Ordinances for this purpose, it is reported, were approved by the National Mobilization Council this afternoon. The Ordinances, it is learned, provide for:—The control of wages, and working hours; restriction of dividends of business corporations; The requisition of commodities, factories, repair shops, land, buildings and other establishments.

A Three Year Plan for the expansion of the productive capacity of industry, it is understood, will be enforced.

The Act, which places practically the entire resources and activities of Japan under Government control, was strongly resisted by the Diet when introduced in 1937.

It was passed on a promise by the Government that it would only be used sparingly in case of necessity, since war provisions had been enforced at intervals.—Reuter.

International Commission Arrives in Madrid

Madrid, Dec. 28.

The International Commission, appointed by the League of Nations to verify the withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain, arrived in Madrid yesterday. The Commission, headed by General Molesworth, intends to remain in Madrid for two days.—Reuter.

Tientsin Trade Hampered

Restrictions on Foreign Goods Big Advantage To Japanese Merchants; Military Still in Control

BY W. LEWISOHN

Tientsin, Dec. 22.

TRADING conditions in Tientsin are described in this article which analyzes the Customs returns for the port and reveals some interesting features of the situation. The difficulties confronting foreign merchants are also described and it is pointed out that restrictions placed upon foreign goods constitute a big advantage to Japanese merchants.

Apart from the political troubles threatening the port of Tientsin there is the ever-increasing difficulty of trade. It is true that the Tientsin Customs returns for the first seven months of this year show an apparent large increase of imports over those for the corresponding period of 1937.

This increase, however, is only on the surface—statistically a careful analysis of the figures reveals a very different story.

Imports into Tientsin:—

January to July 1938	$120,365,685
Ditto 1937	69,752,770
An increase of	$ 50,612,915

The three principle articles making up this increase were

Cereals and flour	38½	million	dollars odd
Cotton piece goods	9	"	" "
Sugar	3	"	" "

In the early part of 1937 there was still considerable smuggling going on in these three articles, so that the Customs returns did not represent the full amount of imports. The increase in imports is therefore not so large as appears at first sight. Moreover, a further careful examination of these figures reveals very disquieting facts as regards foreign trade other than Japanese.

Of the above 50 million odd dollars increase Japanese imports account for $40,317,684 or nearly 80 per cent. Japanese imports of cereals (chiefly rice) and flour increased by 20 and cotton piece goods by eight million dollars.

An Ominous Fact

If, however, we exclude the item cereals and flour, a still more ominous fact emerges. The remaining total imports show an increase of $12,075,035 over those for the same period 1937, whereas Japanese imports alone (after deducting from them to cereals and flour) show an increase of $20,069,317. That is to say: the imports into Tientsin from other countries than Japan during the first seven months of 1938 have *actually fallen off* by eight million dollars.

Exports from Tientsin:—

January to July	1938	$100,859,243
Ditto	1937	98,023,300
An increase of		$ 2,835,943

Among these 1938 exports cotton stands out above all other articles, amounting alone to $58,221,449, as against $20,453,743 for the same period in 1937, an increase of $37,767,706. This large increase is attributable to the war situation. In the first place all cotton stocks lying along the railways were seized by the Japanese during their advance. And in the second place, owing to the military operations in the Yangtze Valley, the cotton that under ordinary circumstances would have gone down to Shanghai or Hankow has been finding its way north to Tientsin.

Huge Decrease Noted

If the figures for cotton are omitted, it will be found that the total exports of other commodities actually show a decrease of $34,931,763 or over 45 per cent. as against the same period 1937. The chief articles to suffer were

Furs and skin amounting to		15½	million dollars odd
Wool		"	" 10
Egg products		"	" 4

Japan's share of the export trade amounted to $57,759,251, an increase of $35,903,403 over that in the same period of 1937. But as her cotton purchases alone amounted to $35,062,060, her exports of all other produce show an increase of less than $1,000,000.

There was an adverse balance of trade for Tientsin of 19½ million dollars in the first seven months of 1938, as compared with a favourable balance of 28 million in the same period of 1937.

As against this, there was an excess of Japanese imports over exports of 7 million dollars in 1938, as against 2½ million in 1937.

And finally the following total comparative figures give a significant picture of what is taking place in the trade of Tientsin:—

	Other Countries	Japan
Total trade of Tientsin,		
Jan.-July 1938	$ 66,606,269	$122,618,659
Jan.-July 1937	$121,278,533	$ 46,337,541

The parlous state of foreign trade in North China, as revealed by these Customs figures is ascribed to three main causes. Firstly, the war conditions still reigning in a large part of the interior; secondly, the ever-increasing vexatious restrictions imposed on foreign trade; and thirdly, the confused currency conditions.

New Currency Forbidden

The Chinese still control large parts of the country. Where this is the case, the new currency is forbidden under penalty of death, so that all produce bought in those parts has to be bought with the old notes. Moreover, in these guerilla areas the peasantry are being forcibly prevented from growing cotton, peanuts or other crops that the Japanese might want, and are made to grow crops for food or that can be otherwise used locally.

In the province of Shansi, on the other hand, the boot is on the other leg: the Japanese have been trying to enforce a kind of economic blockade and starve the guerillas out by preventing imported goods from reaching them. Then again, owing to the war, the supply of freight cars available for the carriage of merchandise is very limited. It is

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Foreigners Robbed In Bold Ambush

Big Gang Terrorizes Men And Women in Columbia Road; Jewellery Taken

Seven prominent British and American residents and a Chinese were robbed last night by a large gang of heavily-armed bandits on Columbia Road, while another foreign drove straight through the "ambush" of the gang and escaped unharmed. Although they carried automatic pistols and military Mausers, the robbers did not fire a single shot. They obtained loot worth several thousand dollars and fled. At an early hour this morning they were still at large, while a large body of police and police reserves were searching the area.

It was by far the boldest crime perpetrated so far by the large criminal element which has sprung up in the western "outside roads" area since the establishment of the so-called "Ta Tao" administration. Three foreign women were among those robbed, losing wedding rings and other jewellery.

All the victims were riding in private motor-cars when they were halted by the gang of seven or eight Chinese who formed a human barrier across the road and turned electric flashlights on the motorists. Most of those robbed had attended a party at the Columbia Country Club and were riding south on Columbia Road when stopped. They were in five cars and were robbed within the brief space of twenty minutes, between 8.15 and 8.35 p.m.

The victims were:

Dr. T. B. Dunn, prominent American physician.

Dr D. J. Collins, American dentist with offices in Sassoon House, and Mrs. Collins.

Mr. J. H. Ford, British, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, and Mrs. Ford.

Mr. Innis, also of the A.P.C., and Mrs. Innis.

An unidentified Chinese.

A Mr. Howell, who is a resident of the Columbia Road neighbourhood, drove his car through the ambush after the bandits had signalled to him to stop. He was not harmed in any way.

The first car stopped was that of Mr. Ford, who was driving. He and his wife were ordered out at the points of pistols, and searched. One of the robbers took Mrs. Ford's diamond engagement and wedding rings.

The Chinese victim was next. He was made to hand over a gold watch worth about $50. Then Dr. and Mrs. Collins lost their gold rings to the bandits. The next car contained Mr. and Mrs. Innis. Mrs. Innis had to give up her wedding ring.

Dr. Dunn, who was being driven by a Chinese chauffeur, was the last victim. He was robbed of his wallet holding $107, and a gold watch with chain, worth about U.S.$350. One of the bandits, after examining the watch, returned it to Dr. Dunn and then another bandit seized it after striking the physician's wrist with his automatic pistol. Some papers contained in the wallet were returned to Dr. Dunn.

The police were notified by telephone, and a large party was turned out from Bubbling Well Station. The Reserve Unit also went to the scene in "red marias" and assisted in the search.

Well-Dressed Gang

Detailed descriptions of the robbers were furnished to the police by the victims. The latter agreed that the bandits were well-dressed and spoke the local dialect. The victims were further impressed by the speed and precision with which the series of robberies was committed. The descriptions of the gang were broadcast through the police teleprinter system last night.

Gloomy New Year For Japan Foreseen

Leading Tokyo Business Journal Makes Forecast

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The "Chugai Shogyo Shimpo," the leading commercial daily in Japan, today makes the following gloomy forecasts for 1939:

The prevailing political uncertainty in Europe will continue;

Great Britain and America will not change their attitude towards Japan;

Japanese military operations will not end;

The present business depression and erratic market conditions in Japan will continue;

The flight of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Chairman of the Central Political Council and Deputy General Executive of the Kuomintang, will prove a step towards the decomposition of the Kuomintang, and the reconstruction movement in China will make headway;

It is hardly possible that the stock market will grow worse, despite the strengthening of control and the tension in Japan's diplomatic relations with big Powers.—Reuter.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 3/32d. U.S.$ 16 1/16c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Dec. 28.

Silver prices declined today, the quotations being:—

	Dec. 24	Dec. 28
London spot	20 3/8d.	20d.
" forward	19 11/16d.	19 1/16d.
" gold	149/1d.	149/-d.

London/New York:

One pound U.S.	$4.6656	$4.6687
One U.S. dollar	51.225d.	51.406d.

—Reuter.

Orphans Pledge Support To China

Mme. Chiang Kai-shek Talks To Chungking Gathering

Chungking, Dec. 28.

"All the women of China are your mothers." Madame Chiang Kai-shek told 350 orphans of the 12,000 for whom the committees, of which she is the head, are at present caring, when distributing Christmas gifts and oranges during an inspection visit at one home not far from Chungking yesterday.

"The people of China, and our foreign friends, are responsible for providing the means for caring for you today," she went on.

Asking the orphans what they intended to do in return for this assistance, the youngsters, led by one little urchin, yelled lustily.—"Serve China."

Asked how they were going to do this, the orphans replied:—"By teaching other people to read and write."—Reuter.

London Zoo Buys Pandas From Szechuen

"Baby" Has Charming Way Of Greeting Visitors

London, Dec. 28.

The London Zoo has bought three of the five giant pandas, natives of the western mountains of Szechuen, which arrived here on December 23 aboard the Blue Funnel ship Antenor.

The pandas were brought to England by Mr. Floyd "Ajax" Smith, well-known American naturalist. The Zoo paid £2,400 sterling for the rare creatures.

The two largest will remain in seclusion until Easter, but the nine-month-old "baby" will be permitted to receive visitors for three days daily this week. She looks like a huge teddy bear, and her manners are gentle and charming. Tickled under the chin, the "baby" flings her paws round the visitor's neck.—Reuter.

American Warships Leave Port

Augusta Bound for Manila; Sacramento Leaves for U.S.A. for Demolition

With the departures of the U.S.S. Augusta and the U.S.S. Sacramento from Shanghai, Admiral H. E. Yarnell, Commander of the United States Asiatic Fleet, has transferred his flag to the U.S.S. Isabel which is now occupying the Augusta's former berth on the river. The Augusta, which left yesterday afternoon, will join other American warships at Manila for winter manœuvres and will remain in Philippine waters until spring, during which time she will receive her annual overhaul.

With the departure of the U.S.S. Sacramento the Asiatic Fleet has lost one of its oldest gunboats. Bound for San Francisco, the ship will be decommissioned and scrapped after her arrival in the United States.

The Sacramento was commissioned in 1914 and was designed to carry a crew if about 200. Her first duty was on patrol work in Mexican waters, and during the years 1915-17 she guarded American interests in Haiti. When the United States entered the Great War she was on duty in New Orleans.

War Career

Detachments from the Sacramento and the U.S.S. Dewey, which was in New Orleans at the same time, were sent to seize German steamers which were interned in the harbour, namely the Breslau and the Andromeda, and these vessels later became the U.S.S. Bridgeport and Bath. Sometime later further deatchments from the Sacramento seized three Austrian ships, the Anna, Teresa and Louise.

From New Orleans the Sacramento was sent north to patrol the New England coast and it was on May 8, 1917 that she picked up an S.O.S. from the British motorship Sebastian on fire at sea. Following a quick dash to the stricken ship, the Sacramento removed 36 men and an attempt was made to tow the Sebastian to port. This proved impossible and she was sunk by gunfire from the warship.

On June 1917, the Sacramento went to the assistance of the U.S.S. Olympia, which had run aground on Cerberus Shoal, off Long Island, and during the following month she entered the Brooklyn Navy Yards to be fitted out for foreign service. She sailed for France with a convoy on July 22

Rescues

After reaching Gibraltar the Sacramento co-operated with the Royal Navy until August 17, when she was engaged in patrol work in the Mediterranean. In the same year the Sacramento assisted H.M.S. Celendine in saving the crew of a torpedoed British steamer, the ss. Swanee River. Another rescue she effected was when the British steamer Subador was torpedoed and sunk on July 27, 1918.

After the signing of the Armistice the Sacramento spent one month making routine trips between Bizerta and Lisbon and on December 11 she started for America, reaching New Orleans on January 9, 1919. During her sixteen months away from home the ship travelled no less than 66,000 miles and out of 502 days spent at sea, she escorted 483 ships through danger areas with but the loss of one vessel.

April 1919 found the Sacramento at Archangel and she spent several months in this port before returning to the United States. During the next two years the vessel cruised in the Caribbean and Central American waters with the U.S. Special Service Squadron.

China Service

In 1921 the Sacramento came to China and remained in these waters until 1929 when she was despatched to the Philippines to suppress the Moro uprising there. She returned to the United States in the same year and spent 18 months in Nicaraguan waters. Early in 1931 she returned to China and stayed here until her departure on Monday afternoon.

Shortly after the outbreak of trouble in Shanghai last year the Sacramento took a party of American civilians to Hongkong, where they were placed aboard the President Coolidge bound for the United States.

The departing vessel is making the trip home via Hongkong, Manila, Bombay, Aden, Marseilles, the Azores and Bermuda. It is expected that she will reach New York at the end of June.

French Military to Have New Year's Ball

A ball will be given by the art section within the French garrison in Shanghai on January 5 at the Arcadia, it was announced last night. The event will be called "Nuit de France" and will include a number of special decorative and entertainment features some of which are guaranteed to be distinct surprises. A bagpipe orchestra, and various salons and bars embodying typical French motifs are among the announced features.

Lord Chilston to Be Privy Councillor

London, Dec. 27.

The King has approved that Viscount Chilston be sworn a member of the Privy Council. Lord Chilston has been His Majesty's Ambassador at Moscow since October 1933 and retires from public service this month.—Wireless through Reuter.

Clyde Shipbuilding Has Good Year

London, Dec. 27.

Clyde shipbuilding has just had its best year since 1930. A total of 117 vessels, aggregating 443,615 tons were floated and engineering firms produced marine machinery of a total of 914,000 indicated horsepower.—Wireless through Reuter.

British Patrol Ambushed

Jerusalem, Dec. 28.

A patrol of the Leicestersire Regiment was ambushed between two villages situated to the north-east of Nablus today. Three men were seriously wounded, while one received slight wounds. A band of armed Arabs, who carried out the raid, dispersed after the engagement.—Reuter.

Cargo Removal Body Dissolved

In a statement issued last night the Japanese naval authorities announced the dissolution of the Cargo Removal Committee which formerly supervised claims for cargo by foreign and Japanese nationals from the Central and Lower Wharves of the former China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co. Almost all cargoes had been delivered, the statement said, but in some cases cargoes were almost unrecognizeable, due to the depredations of Chinese guerillas and refugees and to the havoc caused by Chinese air raids and shelling. It was stated that the Japanese authorities were willing to issue certificates to those who had been unable to take possession of their cargoes for these reasons and that applications for certificates should be presented to the Japanese Consulate-General before January 31, 1939.

Wang Ching-wei at Hanoi in Flight

Possible Statements Not Concern of Government Or Kuomintang

Hongkong, Dec. 28.

The Colony is full of rumours that Mr. Wang Ching-wei, who recently left Chungking so suddenly, has actually arrived here, but these rumours are denied by responsible circles.

The local Chinese press alleges that he arrived at Kowloon from Hanoi in the Jardine's steamer Isang on December 26, but several foreign pressmen who boarded the Isang declare Mr. Wang Ching-wei was definitely not on board.

All indications are to the effect that Mr. Wang Ching-wei is still in Hanoi. He is even reported to be "stuck" there, without papers or passport. Therefore, it is stated, although Mr. Wang is said to intend to proceed to Hongkong, passport arrangements may take at least some days, if they are at all possible to carry through.

It is reliably learned that Mr. Wang's departure from Chungking was in the nature of a flight, taken without the knowledge of the Chinese Government.

Reliable Chinese sources here understand that "whatever statement Mr. Wang Ching-wei makes has nothing to do with General Chiang Kai-shek, the Central Government or the Kuomintang."

It is freely rumoured among the Chinese here that General Doihara has arrived off Hongkong waters in a Japanese warship, but this is strongly discredited in responsible circles here.—Reuter.

C.E.C. Session Postponed

Chungking, Dec. 28.

The Fifth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, which was scheduled to meet here on December 15, did not meet on the appointed date.

Strict secrecy has been maintained on the question and it is only now that the authorities have allowed it to be published that the meeting did not take place on December 15 as planned.

It is declared that the session has been postponed, but the new date of the meeting is not being released for publication.—Reuter.

Nationalist Drive Gains Five Miles

German, Italian Tanks, Planes, Soldiers Aid Rebel Army Forces

Saragossa, Dec. 27.

Nationalist forces entirely occupied the Sierra Sanmamet region, establishing positions and dominating the descent toward the valleys by the capture of Vilanova and Meya, the Nationalists reported today. Toward the south in the Tremp sector, they started a new spearhead advance pointed toward Artes de Segre as their immediate objective. In the southern section of the battle front the Nationalists threatened to capture Borjas and Blancas on the Lerida-Tarragona highway.—United Press.

Lerida Province Over-Run

Saragossa, Dec. 28.

The Nationalists claim to be continuing their advance in all sectors and report that they are sweeping in converging waves over Lerida province. They say they have completely cleaned up the Fayon pocket area of 280 square miles, have occupied Aspa and are now swinging towards Borjas Blancas. The average advance yesterday was four miles, while 1,500 prisoners were captured, bringing the total in five days to 7,000 men taken captive.—Reuter.

Italian Intervention

Barcelona, Dec. 28.

A communique today admits intense pressure and says that the Republican troops are resisting constant attacks, which are "supported by large numbers of Italian and German planes." The commique also mentions tha. Italian forces in the lower Segre area are known to number four divisions.—Reuter.

Republicans Regain Ground

Barcelona, Dec. 27.

Republican soldiers launched determined counter-attacks this afternoon and recaptured ground lost this morning, brief despatches revealed here.

Nationalist attacks today were preceded by German and Italian tanks which tried to progress towards Solera. Artillery cross-fire prevented the enemy tanks from carrying out their manœuvre, and they met with difficulties before the heights of the Sierra Pass and the Sierra Dehesa. In the Tremp sector, the Republicans held the enemy in check. Nationalist planes today bombed cities along the Catalan and Levante coast.—Havas.

Hendaye, Dec. 28.

Italian-made Nationalist bombers raided Barcelona and Valencia today, sinking the British steamer, ss. Stanproft, in the former port. The British crew escaped injury by taking refuge on the shore while the Nationalist planes were attacking the port area.—United Press.

"Light Comes From The Far East"

Mr. Vernon Bartlett Says "Chinese Fight For Democracies"

London, Dec. 28.

"Light comes from the East," says Mr. Vernon Bartlett, the Independent Progressive M. P. for the Bridgewater Division of Somerset, in an article published in the "News-Chronicle" today, entitled "Three Hopeful Signs For 1939."

"The masses of Chinese migrating westwards across plains burned brown before advancing Japanese," he continues, "may yet save us from another war. With hardly a slogan about democracy in their heads and still less experience of it in their lives, they are fighting our battle, while Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, makes appeasing and ineffectual concessions.

"The failure of the British and French to see that greater quantities of arms reached the Chinese armies may in the long run be to the advantage of China. Chinese taxation per head has increased only thirty per cent. since the war began, while in Japan it has risen one hundred and sixty per cent.

Chinese Victory Certain

"A Chinese victory may be delayed as a consequence, but it will be a victory.

"Japanese casualties have hitherto been 740,000, and although Governments can wage war for a short time without gold, Japan's reserves are now practically exhausted.

"The Governments of Great Britain and the United States are now recovering their courage and allowing a trickle of financial help to reach China. The City is not likely to do much to rescue the Tokyo Government. Meanwhile, the Russians are again showing activity in the Far East. The breakdown in fishery negotiations may have important results. The year 1939 may quite probably see an open and utter failure of the Tokyo corner of the triangle of Germany, Italy and Japan."

The other two encouraging factors, adds Mr. Bartlett, are Spain and the American abandonment of the policy of isolation.

He says that another six months of civil war will bring terrific suffering to Barcelona, but it will bring disruption and defeat to the Burgos Government.

Nazis May Strike Holland

"The real danger," declares Mr. Bartlett, "is in western Europe. The internal German situation is now so bad that there must be some new victory by April, or a complete disappearance of the bullying attitude when dictators talk to democrats.

"Very important Nazi leaders believe that the next move will be against Holland or against Belgium. It will most probably be against Holland."

Mr. Barlett concludes: "I believe that but of a crisis every bit as harrowing as that of last September, the democracies will emerge triumphant and then we shall be able to talk peace instead of appeasement."—Reuter.

France Given Large Conversion Loan

Netherlands and Swiss Banks Forward Sum of 175,000,000 Gulden

Paris, Dec. 27.

The Finance Ministry issued a communique today revealing that the French Government had concluded a 175,000,000-gulden loan from Holland and Switzerland. This loan, redeemable in thirty years and carrying an interest rate of four per cent. per annum, was floated at 95 per cent. of its nominal value.

Of the total, 100,000,000 guldens were floated in Holland by Mendelssohn & Co., bank of Amsterdam, and by the Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij. The remaining 75,000,000 guldens were floated in Switzerland by the Crédit Suisse and by the Société de Banques Suisses.

The loan is destined to cover the conversion of various French railway loans floated abroad and with an interest rate of over four per cent., in some cases even as high as 6½ per cent.

In a radio broadcast this evening the Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud declared, "Never before, even in times of prosperity, has the Treasury or any public community proceeded with such important conversion abroad under such favourable conditions."

M. Reynaud proceeded to outline the other results of his financial policy in the repatriation of exported capital, which is still going on; the rise in all French securities; the conversion of short-term loans which permit the saving of Frs. 630,000,000 annually. He pointed out that the present conversion of Frs. 3,500,000,000 worth of securities will allow a new saving of Frs. 80,000,000 next year.

In conclusion, he appealed to the nation to take part in a great effort of rehabilitation—"It is only through the co-operation of all that the country will be saved."—Havas.

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Tientsin Trade Hampered

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obvious that all this, in itself, must constitute a very serious hindrance to trade and the free movement of goods to and from the coast.

Trade Restrictions

Even more serious, however, are the trade restrictions that are being constantly imposed by the Japanese military authorities. The wool and skins brought down from Mongolia via Potow, the terminus of the Peking-Suiyuan line, form one of the main exports of Tientsin. In the early days, after the conquest of that territory, the Japanese did for a time establish a kind of moncpoly in these products. A large part of the wool thus acquired was shipped in motor-lorries along the motor highway via Dolonor to Manchoukuo, where it was used for making army blankets and uniforms. Later on, the monopoly was lifted, either because of foreign protests or, more likely, because the Army authorities had as much as they could use for the time being.

Embargo on Wool

Anyhow, in the summer and autumn of this year foreign firms managed to obtain supplies of wool from Potow. But as soon as these reached Tientsin the military authorities in North China placed an embargo on the export of wool. The bulk of the wool is said to be in the hands of German firms who have made contracts and paid for it. But up-to-date their protests have been without effect, the military authorities justifying the step on the plea of military necessity. In recent weeks the Japanese in Mongolia have brought in currency control and cargoes can only be exported from there, if paid for in foreign currency the rate of 1s 2d.

It is only necessary to point here to the additional hindrance such a currency must be to trade, as it is not accepted in large parts of the interior, varies at different places, and is not freely convertible into foreign exchange.

Further dangers are believed to be threatening the foreign trade of Tientsin, at any rate the import trade. In order to obtain the foreign currency which they want so badly the Japanese authorities are said to be contemplating introducing complete trade and exchange control in North China.

OBITUARIES

Sir James Sexton

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 28.

The death occurred on Monday of Sir James Sexton, the British Trade Union leader, at the age of 82. Sir James was appointed General Secretary of the National Union of Dock Labourers in 1890

At the age of thirteen, he went to sea, and later in his career, in 1918, he was appointed Labour member for St. Helens, holding this constituency until 1931. He was President of the Trade Union Congress in 1905, and had been on the General Council of the Trade Union Congress since 1923.—Reuter.

Lord Abbot of Buckfast

London, Dec. 28.

Dom Anscar Vonier, Lord Abbot of Buckfast, whose name will always be associated with the remarkable enterprise by which the Abbey church was rebuilt on its old foundation at Buckfast, by the monks themselves, over a period of 30 years, died yesterday.

The Lord Abbot was 63 years old and was convalescent from an illness. He died in his sleep yesterday morning.

Only a few weeks ago the tower of the Abbey church, which was re-consecrated in 1932, by Cardinal Bourne, was completed, to the delight of the Abbot who saw a 32-year-old dream realized.—Reuter.

Chilean Government "Purged"

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 28.

A wholesale purge of Government officials and high Army officers is taking place here, following the installation of the Popular Front Government on December 15. Reorganization involves the resignation of eight generals and the dismissal of most of the heads of departments and the permanent under-secretaries. Seventy-five percent. of the diplomatic corps will be replaced.—Reuter.

Communism Banned in Bohemia, Moravia

Prague, Dec. 27.

The Czechoslovakian Government issued a decree today banning the Communist Party in Bohemia and Moravia "for activities threatening public order." This decree becomes operative as from tomorrow.—Havas.

Burma Government States Stand

No Obligation to Prevent Passage of Munitions to China; Trade on Increase

Burma, Dec. 23.

The question of the alleged passage of armaments to China through Burma was elucidated today in an important statement issued by the Burma Government. Recalling the Sino-Burman Convention of 1894, providing for the fostering of mutual interests and trade relations between Burma and Yunnan, the statement says that, in later years, conditions became adverse and trade languished.

A revival of this trade, the statement declares, had already commenced. The Government, the statement, goes on to say, envisages important developments in the future.

"While reports that large supplies of munitions of war are already en route to the Chinese frontier are unfounded," the statement proceeds, "there is little doubt in the present circumstances, so long as the unfortunate hostilities continue between China and Japan, that the transport of munitions through Burma may assume considerable proportions."

Not Obliged to Interfere

The Burma Government, it is stated, "unaware of any obligation to interfere with this particular class of trade—indeed, it regards this class of trade as merely incidental."

The Government's interest, the statement continues, lies not in this traffic, but in general trade between Burma and Yunnan. The Burma Government, according to the statement, anticipates that negotiations for arranging this trade with the Chinese Government will take place when an opportunity arises.

The statements goes on to say that the Burma Government has received, through His Majesty's Government, assurances from the Chinese Government to that effect. Finally, the statement declares, the Government of Burma wishes to make clear that, in considering all these questions and measures, its foremost consideration will be their effect on the interests, and on the people of Burma.

The Government, it is stated, is fully conscious that it will be as necessary to safeguard the country from possible dangers which may follow in the train of great trade development, such as a large influx of persons from China, as to be vigilant in promoting measures for the enhancement of the country's general prosperity.—Reuter.

Canidrome Results

1—440 yd. flat.—1, Snowdrift II; 2, Countess Verde.
Short head.—Time, 27.74.
Win, $23.50. Forecast (4-2) Div. $42.80.
Place, 1st $10.90; 2nd $15.60.
2—500 yd. flat.—1, The Mate; 2, Lady Rue.
¾ length.—Time, 31.70.
Win, $20.50. Forecast (6-2) Div. $89.60.
Place, 1st $10.10; 2nd $9.10.
Double Event 1/2 (4-6) Div. $41.90.
3—500 yd. nat.—1, Rio Tinto; 2, Dai Wu Day.
2½ lengths.—Time, 31.86.
Win, $83.90. Forecast (2-1) Div. $183.60.
Place, 1st $14.60; 2nd $13.90.
Double Event 2/3 (6-2) Div. $246.50.
4—500 yd. nat.—1, Silver Days; 2, Fair Clara.
5½ lengths.—Time, 31.08.
Win, $20.10. Forecast (6-5) Div. $31.70.
Place, 1st $8.50; 2nd $6.70.
Double Event 3/4 (2-6) Div. $83.70.
5—500 yd. nat.—1, Paying Teller; 2, Simple Date.
3 lengths.—Time, 30.74.
Win, $43.00. Forecast (3-5) Div. $224.90.
Place, 1st $20.50; 2nd $14.20.
Double Event 4/5 (6-3) Div. $63.10.
6—500 yd. nat.—1, Dinna Ken; 2, Wild Flower.
1 length.—Time, 30.79.
Win, $37.00. Forecast (2-4) Div. $165.00.
Place, 1st $13.40; 2nd $9.90.
Double Event 5/6 (2-2) Div. $73.60.
7—500 yd. flat.—1, Pearl's Pride; 2, Advance Guard.
14 lengths.—Time, 29.65.
Win, $15.40. Forecast (2-1) Div. $84.40.
Place, 1st $11.50; 2nd $13.30.
Double Event 6/7 (2-2) Div. $92.40.
8—500 yd. flat.—1, Speed Cop; 2, O'Branagan.
4 lengths.—Time, 30.24.
Win, $22.70. Forecast (4-6) Div. $65.10.
Place, 1st $12.70; 2nd $8.90.
Double Event 7/8 (2-4) Div. $35.50.
9—500 yd. flat.—1, Mad Jack; 2, Wild Rose.
1 length.—Time, 30.03.
Win, $29.10. Forecast (3-1) Div. $101.60.
Place, 1st $10.80; 2nd $9.50.
Double Event 8/9 (4-3) Div. $63.70.
10—500 yd. flat.—1, Rob Roy; 2, Captain Drew.
1 length.—Time, 29.96.
Win, $15.70. Forecast (1-2) Div. $44.20.
Place, 1st $9.00; 2nd $7.10.
Double Event 9/10 (3-1) Div. $118.60.
11—525 yd. flat.—1, Creditor; 2, Black Tulep.
2 lengths.—Time, 31.15.
Win, $24.10. Forecast (4-3) Div. $83.70.
Place, 1st $11.60; 2nd $8.80.
Double Event 10/11 (1-4) Div. $38.80.
12—525 yd. flat.—1, Chihli Blue Fox; 2, Fly Catcher.
Short head.—Time, 33.02.
Win, $17.30. Forecast (2-3) Div. $21.10.
Place, 1st $11.00; 2nd $10.80.
Double Event 11/12 (4-2) Div. $43.40.

Guerillas Engage Ship On Pearl River

Extreme Tension Caused In Canton

Canton, Dec. 28.

It is reported here that a Japanese trawler, which was proceeding to Macao yesterday, encountered Chinese guerillas on her way down river. Gunfire was clearly audible at Tungshan, situated between Canton and Macao, yesterday morning. It appeared to be coming from the direction of the White Cloud Mountains.

Meanwhile, the entire city has been plunged into a state of tension.—Reuter.

Aircraft Active

A Japanese Air Base, Dec. 27.

Intensive bombing and ground strafing attacks were carried out on Monday and Tuesday by five Japanese army air squadrons against 2,500 Chinese troops, comprising one brigade, deployed in an area east to the north-east of Tsengcheng, north-east of Canton.

Heavy losses were claimed by Japanese pilots to have been inflicted upon the Chinese forces.

An attack was also carried out yesterday against Namyung aerodrome, in northern Kuangtung, where various establishments were demolished.—Domei.

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Head of French Film Company Arrested

Paris, Dec. 28.

Bernard Tanenzaff, well-known as Bernard Natan, Director if the French, Natan Film Company, and two others have been arrested here on a charge of swindling. They are now being detained in La Santé prison. The sum involved, according to representatives of the shareholders, is several thiusand pounds, but all three deny the charges aganst them.—Reuter.

President Pierce Sailing For Shanghai

San Francisco, Dec. 28.

The President Lines, which has taken over and reorganized the Dollar Line, announced today the re-establishment of sailings to Shanghai with the departure of the President Pierce for the Shanghai on December 3.—United Press.

Jagernsdorf Synagogue Now Public Market

Berlin, Dec. 28.

The synagogue in Jagernsdorf, a town in the Sudeten regions, has been transformed into a public market place. The town numbers 20,000 inhabitants.—Havas.

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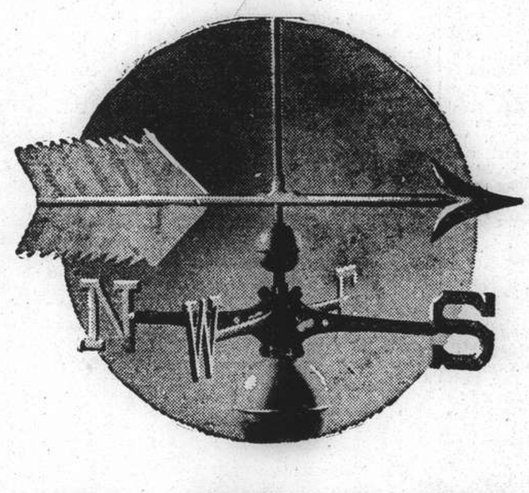

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MR. R. Grimshaw left yesterday for Hongkong in the ss. Empress of Japan.

DR. and Mrs. Frederick Reiss have returned from Europe by the ss. Empress of Japan.

A VERY useful desk calendar has been received from the Standard-Vacuum Oil Co.

THE H. O. White Bursary for 1938 has been awarded to L. Bagaman, a pupil at the St. Francis Xavier's School for Boys.

DR. Logan Roots recently of Hankow will speak over station XMHD today at 8.30 p.m. Tune in on 760 kc, 395 metres.

THERE will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Bubbling Well Chapel this morning at 10.30 o'clock.

THE exhibition of paintings by Kuznetsova and Kitchiguin at the French Club has been extended and will close tomorrow night.

MR. V. Hanson has accepted the invitation of the Municipal Council to serve on the Education Board in place of Mr. C. R. Bennett who recently resigned from the Board.

THE American Consulate General at Shanghai will appreciate the receipt of information as to the present whereabouts of William Boykin, last heard from in Shanghai about two years ago.

THE passport and shipping offices of the local Japanese Consulate-General will remain closed to public business from December 29 to January 3 inclusive, it was announced on Tuesday night by Japanese authorities.

MR. H. Berents, who has been the appointee of the Municipal Council on the Land Commission for the past eight years, has been re-appointed as the Council's representative on the Land Commission for the municipal year 1939/40.

DURING the past week more than $5,000,000 worth of Chinese legal tender notes and subsidiary coins have been shipped from Hongkong to Shanghai to meet the increased demand resulting from the new year end cash clearances between various Chinese firms, says a report to the "Hwa Mei Chen Pao."

THOSE interested are reminded that the Annual Soirée of the Royal Asiatic Society is to be held today in the Society's building at 20 Museum Road from 5 to 7.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and an interesting programme has been arranged for the entertainment of the members of the Society and its official guests. Dress for the occasion will be informal.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight December 24, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners 8, and Chinese 1,695. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, Tuberculosis 2 and Smallpox 1. Chinese, Smallpox 96, Tuberculosis 22; Typhoid Fever 9; Diphtheria 3; Measles 4; Beri-beri 4, Dysentery 5; Cerebrospinal Fever 2; Cholera 2.

MRS. C. C. Newson returned to Shanghai by the ss. Empress of Japan on December 27. She has been away for two years visiting Germany, France, Switzerland, England and America. She will be remembered as the organizer of a number of very successful dances bridge and mahjongg parties in aid of the Foreign Unemployed, the Ministering Children's League, and the "Club for the Business Girl." She is staying at present at the Cathay Mansions.

Across Asia by Motor Car

Dr. A. von Miorini Concludes Trip from Palestine To Shanghai; Many Poor Roads en Route

DR. A. von Miorini, Shanghai physician, who began a trans-Asian motor journey, early in October from Palestine, arrived in Shanghai yesterday in the ss. Yochow. A log of his trip has been published from time to time in the "North-China Daily News." On coming to Shanghai he related the following account of his trip from Calcutta to Haiphong.

I shipped my car from Calcutta to Rangoon, because there is no road communication. An Englishman used his three months' leave just recently to cover this way by car, going through the Assam jungle and did it, but three months, were too long for me.

From Rangoon I drove northwards for two days along the Irrawaddy river to Mandalay, which is a most picturesque and lovely town with all comforts like trams, modern sanitation, waterworks, power plant and factory, After my usual sightseeing I continued my journey by car eastwards through the Burmese Jungle.

First I enjoyed a good metalled road, but soon I had to become "native" again. The bridge over a 800 ft. deep gorge, the Groteik, had been washed away by a recent tropical downpour and not yet repaired. I stood in front of an unconquerable obstacle.

I had to return and find another track far away to a railway, which runs over the Groteik gorge about 50 miles away from the broken bridge. I waited some hours for the only daily train to come and transport my car over the gorge, using the viaduct. Then I proceeded by road and what a road, through the northern shan states—an entirely wild territory, where tigers, leopards and rhinoceros, as well as wild elephants have their undisturbed home. The very narrow jungle track occasionally was nearly unpassable, but still I managed to go through, using fords to cross streams and bamboo rafts to cross rivers. This road actually continues over the Chinese border into Talifu and Yunnanfu and on the Chinese section 70,000 coolies work to complete the road which shall become one of the new main entrances into China from the West.

Unique Canoe Travel

I did not drive as far as the frontier, because one is permitted to do so only at night in order not to disturb the workmen during the day. I then made a small detour westwards into a more open country to a lake, where the men row their canoes, standing on one foot and having grasped the oar with the other, use only the leg for paddling. I believe this is the only spot in the world where such a custom is practised. In the Shaoshin district, the Chinese row also with their legs, but sit on the end of the canoe about 120 miles south of this lake I penetrated into the province of Pekkon which is the home of the Padaung tribes. Here the jungle track dissolves itself and continues only as a path. I tried to drive by car, but after about four miles, I had to stop, because the enormous teak trees closed the route. I locked my car and armed with my two cameras I walked 2½ hours until I reached a village, which houses some 50 or 60 of the famous Padaung folks.

The men had developed a curious taste and they estimate the beauty of their women after the length of their necks—small girls start to stretch their necks by using brass rings round them and every month or so a new ring lifts the head from the shoulder by another ¼ inch. When the girls reach matrimonial age, the neck is about ten inches long and is held in position by 30 to 50 yellow brass rings. What a curious little folk, and they are really short too, hardly 4½ feet tall which makes their necks look even funnnier. I filmed them and photographed them and will show them to my Shanghai friends.

Magnificent Landscape

From Pekkan I drove back eastwards to the southern Shan states and to Rengtung where the native Shan ruler, the Sawbwar, sways over his mountain people, the Egaws, Musos and Karenis. The landscape is most magnificent, the roads practically invisible, the mosquitoes abundant but the natives were very hospitable and helpful. Owing to the invisibility of roads and the dense virgin forests, I drove against a rock or tree trunks and broke the steering system of the car. The momemtum of my moving car was enough to run me against a mound and save me from a serious disaster—just the bumper and mudguard bent.

I combined my surgical abilities with the many experiences as a mechanic on my trips and was successful in mending the gear with wire, which I brought with me to the next Indian blacksmith who could cast a new part for the broken one, with a delay of some three days. Near the Siamese border my way was again blocked by a fresh landslide and further by an enormous fallen teak tree. The first obstacle had to be removed by blasting and spade work, which took three hours time. The latter had to be cut into movable timber by natives using their miniature axes —four hours of work.

Over High Pass

On the way to Rruntung we twice had to climb 6,000 ft. and return to 800 ft. Only the man who has done such trip is able to judge the strain on nerves, body and on the car. Such work seems never to end and one does not mind where and how to take shelter in the evening, being simply overtired.

A large iron bridge brought me over the river, which marks the Siam-Burma border. Similar to the Khyber Pass, this bridge led into a splendid road. A wide metalled highway runs from the border 180 miles south to the north Siamese railway which I reached at Lampang. As there are no roads from here to Bangkok, I shipped the car. The run of 430 km. cost £15.1.2d. for the car alone.

In Bangkok I enjoyed the heat and humidity of a Shanghai summer, but had to remain some days for minor repairs. I had to buy two new tires again, because the Shan states ruined —like Afghanistan—my remaining worn old ones.

From Bangkok, I shipped my car to the Indo-China border. The odd 150 miles cost £8. From the frontier station Aranya Pradesa, there is a good highway to Ankor, whose temple is one of the great structures of the world and which fascinated me as well as every visitor.

A good day's run brought me to Saigon from where I drove on good roads to Hanoi and Haiphong.

Hankow Mails to Go by Yangtze

Exchange Service Started By Post Office; First Ship Leaves January 3

The Postal Administration announces that an exchange of direct mail between Shanghai and Hankow, by way of the Yangtze River, has been inaugurated from today. Further particulars will be supplied by the Post Office.

This service will be limited at present to ordinary, registered and express letters and postcards. The first steamer is to leave Shanghai for Hankow on January 3.

It is also announced by the local Head Post Office that, for the convenience of the public, the Post Office here is still accepting registered and express letters, etc., for places where the Post Office has temporarily been withdrawn, such as Kiukiang, Hankow, Anking, etc., and forwarding them to the post offices nearest to their destinations so that they may be further forwarded on and delivered as soon as the service there is resumed. However, the Post Office is not responsible for any unavoidable delay to such mails, as the time of resumption of the service cannot be foreseen.

Japanese Walk Out Of H.M. Court

Departure Follows Indian's Testimony at Enquiry Into Police Cook's Death

Two Japanese Consular police officers and two Japanese witnesses walked out of H.M. Coroner's Court yesterday morning during an inquest held on the body of Narain Singh, police cook at the Wayside station, who was knocked down and killed by a Japanese owned and driven car on December 23. The sudden departure of the officers and witnesses came during the evidence of an Indian witness who had contradicted some of the evidence given by them.

The inquest which was conducted by Mr. I. T. Morris, H.M. Coroner, followed a preliminary enquiry when evidence of identification was given. The victim of the accident succumbed to his injuries following an accident on Seward Road. Present at yesterday's enquiry was a Japanese consular police officer, who with an assistant, took down the testimony of the two Japanese witnesses.

According to the Japanese chauffeur of the car, his vehicle was proceeding along the road at a speed of about 25 miles an hour, and his lights were on. When another car was approaching he dimmed his lights and as he switched them on to full power again, he noticed an Indian on a bicycle on the left side of the road. He sounded his horn and the Indian suddenly swerved into his path. Applying his brakes he was unable to avoid the man and knocked him down.

Contradictory

Witness went on to state that he and his passenger immediately jumped out of the car and placed the injured man inside and conveyed him to a Japanese hospital, where they learned that he was in a serious condition. Next they took him to Hongkew Police station where they reported the accident. The Indian died on the way from the Police station to hospital. The Japanese passenger in the car substantiated the evidence of the driver.

An Indian cook, also employed at Wayside Police station, told the court that he was walking along Seward Road at the time of the accident and that he had spoken to deceased shortly before he was knocked down. Witness added that he noticed a car speeding along the road without lights and a few seconds after it had passed him he heard a crash. Running to the scene he found the injured Indian lying on the road and he advised the Japanese to take him to the Police station immediately.

During the evidence of this witness the Japanese police officers and witnesses gathered up their notes and left the court immediately after the statement that the vehicle was without lights.

After evidence by a sergeant from the Traffic Department, S.M.P., who said that the car was in perfect working order, the enquiry was adjourned until Saturday at 10 a.m.

Alarm Routs Bandits; Nothing Stolen

Man Loses $1,000 and Coat to Another Gang

Five would-be robbers, carrying an imitation pistol and a knife, were frightened away from a Chinese dwelling-house at 4 Tinhing Road, in the Sinza district, at 10.30 o'clock yesterday morning. One of the occupants of the house raised an alarm, and the bandits left empty-handed. No-one in the house was harmed by the intruders.

A large haul was made by three highway robbers on Tuesday evening, according to a report made to the Settlement Police early yesterday morning. The victim, a Chinese man, was walking in Nanking Road near Kweichow Road at 9 p.m. when he was approached by the gang and forced to accompany them into Kweichow Road. He was deprived of his overcoat and $1,000 in banknotes. One of the robbers is believed to have been armed with a pistol but no shots were fired.

Practical Joke Played On Newlyweds

False Armed Robbery Alarm Brings in Police Squad

Officers of the Bubbling Well Police Station are investigating many mysterious telephone calls which disturbed a newly married Chinese couple living at 81 Bubbling Well Villa throughout the evening after their wedding on Monday and which also caused a lot of trouble to the police themselves because one of the calls was put through to their station stating that an armed robbery was taking place in the new residence.

It was found out by the police that it was a false alarm raised by practical jokers who wanted to embarrass the newlyweds, who were bombarded by telephone calls before the police arrived at their residence. Just before retiring time, the telephone rang and when Chang Ching-shing, an employee of Park Hotel and the husband left his room to receive the phone call there was no one on the phone. This offence was repeated again and again until the couple became annoyed and refused to answer any telephone calls.

But the practical jokers were determined to carry the matter to the extreme and telephoned to the police stating that an armed robbery was taking place in the new household. The officers dashed to the place and the well-illuminated room of the newlyweds at a late hour strengthened the belief that robbers were at work. Whistles were blown but there was no one to open the door.

The couple evidently thought that there was a fire, and when they ran out they were finally confronted by the police at the back door where both sides took pains to explain the situation.

Gambling and Opium Flourish in Area

Police Report Comments on Western District State

Twenty-nine reports of crime which occurred in territory formerly patrolled by and under the jurisdiction of the Shanghai City Government Police, were recorded and investigated during November by the Shanghai Municipal Police, it is stated in the monthly police report.

The opening of a large number of gambling dens and opium-smoking establishments in the territory abutting on the Municipal roads is having an effect on the crime situation in the Western areas and causing some anxiety in this respect, the report further states.

Death of Mr. A.C.E. Braud

Former Local Commissioner Of Customs Passes Away at Nice

The news has reached Shanghai of the untimely death of Mr. A. C. E. Braud, formerly Commissioner of the Shanghai Customs, who passed away at Nice, on November 26, in his 55th year.

Born at Fontainebleau (France) on February 5, 1883, the late Mr. Braud first came to China in 1901 to join the Chinese Maritime Customs, in which administration he completed the full period of 35 years service before being superannuated in December, 1936. Mr. Braud's administrative career was a most distinguished one. His clear mind, sound judgment and firmness of character, made him an outstanding figure and soon marked him out for selection to the higher posts in the Customs Service.

Work on "Customs Code"

On his return from the Great War in 1918, Mr. Braud was appointed to the Shanghai Customs where he was responsible for the initial attempt at the codification of Customs regulations and procedure which resulted in the present "Customs Code" which has proved of such valuable assistance to the public and Customs staff alike. He also played an important share in planning the improvements in local Customs procedure, necessitated by the expansion of the trade following the War and the introduction in 1919 of a revised Import Tariff which ultimately culminated in the institution of the Appraising Department at the Shanghai Customs, and other main ports.

A Chinese scholar of no mean distinction, Mr. Braud was called by the late Inspector-General, Sir Francis Aglen, to take up the post of Chinese Secretary at the Inspectorate General, which post he retained for a period of over five years. In 1929, Mr. Braud was placed in charge of the Canton Customs and remained in that important office during the eventful period which followed until 1932. In March 1933, he earned the distinction of being selected by the present Inspector-General, Sir Frederick Maze, for the post of Commissioner of the Shanghai Customs which he held until January 1935 when he proceeded on leave. On his return to China, he was appointed to the Inspectorate-General as Financial Secretary, being thus entrusted by the Inspector General with primary responsibility for the custody of the Customs Revenue and the service of foreign and national loans secured thereon. He occupied this post until December 1936, when his usefulness to the Customs Service and to China was cut short by the inexorable service career limit.

Distinguished War Record

Mr. Braud's record of war service was no less brilliant. Having joined up in August 1914 as a private in the 4th Regiment d'Infanterie Coloniale, in which unit he served until the end of the war, he was promoted Sub-Lieutenant in October 1915 and Lieutenant in October 1917. Most of his war service was spent in the firing line in France and in Macedonia. He was severely wounded on two occasions and received the Médaille Militaire and the Croix de Guerre for gallantry in action.

In 1933, the French Government appointed him a Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur and the Order of the Brilliant Jade (5th class) was conferred on him by the Chinese Government in 1937.

Mr. Braud's personal charm, his sincerity and his unfailing loyalty won him a large circle of friends of all nationalities, and many will mourn his death as an irreparable loss.

Married in February 1928 to Mademoiselle Ginette Gerber, sister-in-law to M. Lepissier, now French Consul-General at Tientsin, Mr. Braud was left a widower by his wife's untimely death in 1931. He leaves a brother, M. Arthur Braud, who lives at Antibes, France.

FOLLOWING a tour of Siam, India, Burma and other places, Mr. Sha Kuo-chen, a Mohammedan leader, and Director of the China Students' Council in Egypt, returned to Kunming, capital of Yunnan, on December 27, says a Chungking Chinese message to the "Chinese American Daily News." Mr. Sha has been conducting publicity activities among the Mohammedans in these places on behalf of the Chinese Government, and will shortly leave for Chungking to render a report of his work, the report adds.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Draw Looms in Test Match

England Declares at 291 for Four Wickets in Second Innings; Gibb Gets His Century

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

AFTER lunch-time today, the concluding day of the first Test Match between England and South Africa, had seen England well established in their second innings with the score standing at 223 runs for two wickets, the innings was brought to a close in the afternoon, when England declared at 291 for four wickets. Although the weather turned out sunny, there was only a sprinkling of spectators to watch the last day's play. The pitch showed signs of usage—the ends were worn.

Paynter, who was 32 not out at the close of play yesterday, quickly turned out two fours in succession from Langton's bowling in the first few minutes' play today. From then on, his score rose steadily, and he had made 51 runs after the first 77 minutes. By then, his total included seven boundaries.

Both batsmen were aggressive, and their powerful driving sent the score up swiftly.

Gibb had accounted for a century after three hours and four minutes, having hit up seven boundaries by that time. After this staunch stand, Gibb was beaten by Dalton, having added a further six runs to his century. With his dismissal, the score stood at 206 for two wickets. Play had then been in progress for three hours and ten minutes.

By a judicious blending of aggression and defence, Paynter and Hammond produced 82 and 13 respectively, to make the score 223 for two wickets at lunch-time.

Latest News

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

After the lunch-time interval in the final day's play of the First Test here today, Hammond became most aggressive, and hit up 30 runs in the short space of twenty minutes.

England's score, after three hours and 44 minutes' play stood at 250.

Paynter soon bettered his score to reach the century mark, his total including ten boundaries.

He thus became the third Englishman to make a century in each innings of the Test Match against South Africa. The other two were A. C. Russell and Sutcliffe.

After 49 minutes' play, Hammond's score had risen to 50. Shortly after Hammond had achieved his half-century, Paynter was caught by Langton, playing mid-on, off Gordon, being dismissed before being able to better his century. The score at Paynter's departure stood at 281 for three wickets.

Hammond came out with a leg-break from Dalton, after forcing his score up to 58.

Ames went in next, and was able to hit up three before England declared at 291 for four wickets, with 14 extras.

Hammond put on a first-rate performance after the luncheon interval, and, by brilliant driving, achieved five boundaries within 63 minutes.

South Africa Opens Again

Mitchell and Van der Byl, opening batsmen for South Africa, played a very slow game, Mitchell accounting for 12, and Van der Byl for 26, by the tea interval, to give South Africa 41 for no wickets in their second innings.—Reuter.

runs. Goddard, who did the hat trick the previous day, failed to capture another wicket.

Edrich and Gibb opened England's second innings after tea, but the former once again failed, being dismissed for only ten. Paynter and Gibb, however, successfully defied the South African attack, and raised the score of 103 without being defeated.

Gibb kept wicket after lunch in place of Ames, who was nursing a sore finger. The Kent player fielded in the boundary.

The Scores

England—1st innings—422

South Africa—1st innings

Mitchell, b. Farnes	73
Van der Byl, l.b.w., b. Verity	4
Melville, c. and b. Verity	0
Nourse, c. and b. Goddard	73
Gordon, st. Ames, b. Goddard	0
Wade, b. Goddard	0
Viljoen, b. Wilkinson	50
Dalton, c. Edrich, b. Verity	102
Bond, l.b.w., b. Wilkinson	0
Langton, not out	64
Davies, b. Verity	0
Extras	24
Total	390

Fall of wickets:—41-1 (Van der Byl); 44-2 (Melville); 160-3 (Nourse); 160-4 (Gordon); 169-5 (Wade); 173-6 (Mitchell); 281-7 (Viljoen); 281-8 (Bond); 378-9 (Dalton); 390-10 (Davies).

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	23	1	87	1
Edrich	9	0	44	0
Verity	44.1	16	61	4
Hammond	10	3	27	0
Wilkinson	22	0	93	2
Goddard	27	5	54	3

England—2nd Innings

Edrich, c. Mitchell, b. Gordon	10
P. A. Gibb, b. Dalton	106
Paynter, c. Langton, b. Gordon	100
W. R. Hammond, b. Dalton	58
Ames, not out	3
Extras	14
Total for four wickets	291

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davies	14	2	67	0
Langton	16	3	64	0
Mitchell	11	1	58	0
Gordon	14	0	59	2
Dalton	6.5	0	29	2

—Reuter.

Previous Day's Play

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

A vigorous wag by their tail enabled the South Africans yesterday to make a splendid recovery in the first Test Match against England. Their score at the close of play on Monday was 166 for five, but thanks to substantial contributions by the last few batsmen the innings realised 390 runs, or only 32 behind England.

At the close of play England had made 103 for one in the second innings.

Dalton, brilliant all-rounder, delighted the record crowd of 22,000 with a grand innings, which did much to pull the fat out of the fire for the South Africans.

He occupied the crease for 201 minutes to score 102 runs, 36 of which came via boundaries. His knock was featured by powerful offdriving.

Others playing prominent roles in the South African recovery were Viljoen, who contributed 50 and whose stand with Dalton for the seventh wicket realised 108 runs, and Langton, who was 64 not out after a merry knock.

Score Rises Rapidly

Langton's contribution included a six off Goddard and five 4's off Wilkinson, and his partnership with Dalton added 97 runs to the total.

Mitchell, who was 72 not out the previous day, was dismissed shortly after the resumption of play, falling a victim to one of Farnes' extra fast balls. He had then added only one more run to his overnight total (173 for six).

Dalton joined Viljoen, and the two, batting confidently, made the score rise rapidly. After the partnership had realised 108 runs, Viljoen, in attempting a drive, played on to a ball from Wilkinson. His contribution of 50 was the result of a patient effort lasting 162 minutes, during which he scored five boundaries (281 for seven).

Wilkinson claimed his second victim with the next ball, a topspinner, which beat Bond, who was out leg-before (281 for eight).

Another profitable stand was witnessed when Dalton and Langton got together, the pair adding 97 runs before being separated. Shortly after reaching his century, Dalton was caught by Edrich off Verity (378 for nine). Davies was the last man out, bowled by Verity for a duck. With Langton's valuable 64 not out, the innings realised 390 in 426 minutes.

Verity Best Bowler

Verity was the most successful English bowler, with four wickets for 61

South African Team In 2nd Test

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

The South African team in the Second Test match against the M.C.C. at Capetown on Saturday will be as follows:—Melville, Mitchell, Lengton, W. Wade, K. Viljoen, Dudley-Nourse, Van der Byl, Davies, Balaskas, Gordon and Rowan. —Reuter.

Columbia Club Ladies Lose to Foreign "Y"

Winners Take Title of 1938 Champions

The Women's Sports Section of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. easily captured the championship of the Inter-Club Women's Duck Pin League when they defeated the Columbia Country Club "Reds" in the final match yesterday by a 3-0 score. The "Y" bowlers finished the series with a comfortable margin of six games in hand.

The German Club caused surprise by beating the C.C.C. "Blues." The Marine Ladies lost to the American Club, 2-1, to remain in the cellar position.

Y.M.C.A. (3)				
Malleck	111	96	92	298
Zee	109	84	87	280
Volein	119	104	106	329
Collaco	78	100	105	283
Horton	110	82	112	303
	527	465	505	1,497
C.C.C. Reds (0)				
McIntyre	88	108	101	297
Freeman	80	94	88	262
F. Nance	90	70	105	265
Putman	84	86	88	258
Geibel	90	89	118	297
	432	447	500	1,397
C.C.C. Blues (1)				
Kimball	68	80	70	218
Grey	123	78	75	276
Cardwell	80	84	83	247
Dalton	79	74	70	223
Schuster	91	36	79	256
	441	402	377	1,220
German Club (2)				
Weida	91	78	85	254
Leiman	83	93	80	256
Heckel	79	73	88	240
Sachs	73	74	81	228
Lindner	85	99	79	263
	411	417	413	1,251
Marine Ladies (1)				
Hommel	85	80	76	241
Johnston	98	84	96	268
Allen	77	103	86	266
Kaufman	77	89	73	239
Krulak	74	79	78	231
	401	435	409	1,245
American Club (2)				
Doyer	65	70	73	208
Evans	81	76	105	262
Lamneck	83	83	79	246
Deegan	89	91	83	263
Cops	91	84	104	279
	409	405	444	1,258

Scottish Soccer Side

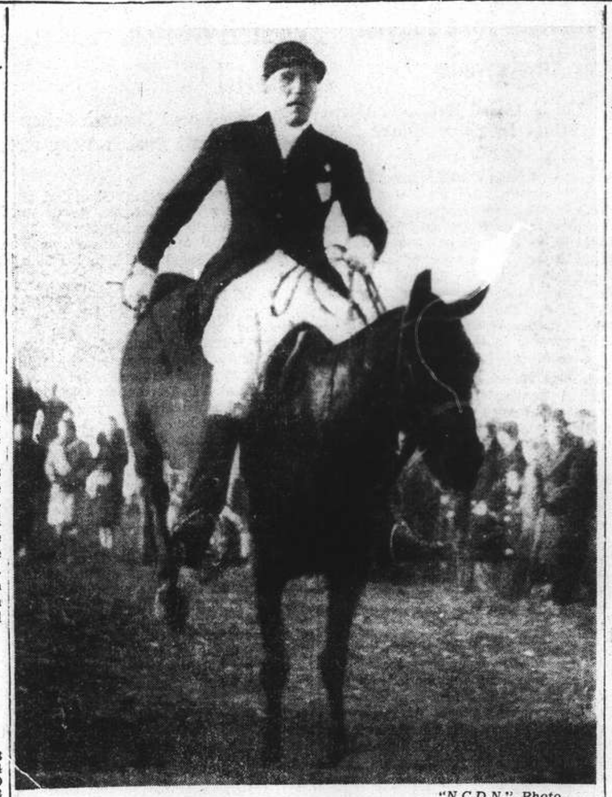
In the International Cup football match to be played between Scotland and France this Saturday on the Race Course beginning at 2.30 p.m., the Scots will field the following team, according to selections announced yesterday.

Sinclair, (Rowing Club), Gibson (Police), Turner (Police) (Capt.), McAlcon (Seaforths), MacDonald (Seaforths), Cochran (P.T.H.), Jack (Police) McGuigan (Seaforths), Frasen (Seaforths), McCorkindale (P.T.H.), Thomson (Seaforths). Reserves.—Duncan (Seaforths), Peachy (Seaforths), Muir (Rowing Club), Beattie (Rowing Club).

California Beats Georgia Tech

Berkeley, Dec. 26.

The University of California ran roughshod over the hardy eleven from Georgia Tech in a gridiron contest, 13-0, today.—United Press.



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Following the Paper Trail

P. von Schubert shows how to take a jump in the course of the Christmas paperhunt held here in which sixty riders participated.

Fast Gallops Seen On Local Track

Racing Ponies Preparing For New Year's Meeting; Big Event on Wednesday

By "CHING"

Yesterday about noon-time many owners and others were to be seen at the Shanghai race track watching the ponies being put through some fast training work in preparation for the New Year meeting next week, which promises to provide some interesting racing at all distances and amongst the best class of ponies racing here.

The New Year Handicap Champions at 11 furlongs, to be run on Wednesday, should prove a real Champion race. There were many ponies out at the same time and I may have missed seeing one or more gallops done in fast time. Of the gallops to come under my notice that of Merrylight and Frostylight seemed to stand out. They went in company, doing 1 mile in 2.15.2. They started off with a first quarter in 38, then quickened up, so as to make the last ¾ in 1.37.2. last half 1.03,2., last quarter 30.4, both finishing well. I heard Magic Circle put up a mile in about 2.12.2. with last half fast, but did not time the gallop myself.

Un Un Un was given 1¼ mile in 2.53, and whilst he did the last quarter in 32.3 I was not over-pleased with the style he did it in. Busted Straight did his mile in 2.22, last quarter 32.2, finishing well. Bober, with L. H. Wade in the saddle, went a similar distance in 2.18, last quarter 32.1. Cottonlight and Crispylight took 2.19.2 over their mile, with last quarter in 34.2. Night Express in blankets rattled off a fast gallop, and did the mile in 2.12.2., with the first three-quarters in 1.36.2.

Cordon Rouge, striding along in his best style, covered the mile in 2.12.1., last quarter 32. His stable mate Rain went a similar distance in 2.12.3., last quarter 33.3. Magic Eve doing his mile in 2.14.2., last quarter 33.2. Mou Tan Hua and Corps Cavalry went one mile together, doing the last ¾ of it in 1.41.1., last quarter 31.1, both finishing well.

Rugby Union Results

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 27.

The following are the results of Rugby Union matches played today:

Exeter 16, Bath 8
Gloucester 15, Universities A.U. 11
Leicester 8, Barbarians 6
Swansea 5, London Welsh 3
Aberavon 8, Crosskeys 10
Cardiff 6, Watsonians 3
Newport 14, London Irish 0
Western Supermare 21, Penarth 7
—Reuter.

Rugby League Results

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 27.

The following are the results of Rugby League matches played today:

Barrow 6, Swinton 12
Bramley 5, Bradford N. 11
Featherstone R. 5, Hull 8
Dewsbury 0, Wakefield T. 10
Halifax 10, Huddersfield 3
Hull K.R. 24, Broughton R. 0
Keighley 6, Hunslet 3
Leeds 5, Batley 4
Leigh 0, Liverpool S. 4
Oldham 10, Rochdale H. 3
Salford 12, Warrington 5
St. Helens 2, Wigan 29
Widnes 46, St. Helens Recs 6
York 7, Gastleford 16.—Reuter.

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London, Dec. 28.

Derby County defeated Everton by two goals to one in the Battle of the Giants in yesterday's English football league. It was their second meeting in two days, the previous day's game, played on Everton's ground, ending in a two-all draw.

English League

1ST DIVISION

Aston Villa 1, Sunderland 1
Charlton Athletic 1, Arsenal 0
Chelsea 2, Leeds United 2
Derby County 2, Everton 1
Huddersfield Town 3, Blackpool 0
Leicester City 1, Manchester United 1
Liverpool 1, Stoke City 0
Middlesbrough 2, Birmingham 2
Portsmouth 2, Brentford 2
Preston North End 2, Bolton Wanderers 2
Wolverhampton W. 5, Grimsby Town 0

2ND DIVISION

Bury 2, Blackburn Rovers 4
Chesterfield 2, Bradford 2
Luton Town 1, Nottingham Forest 0
Manchester City 5, Tranmere Rovers 2
Newcastle United 4, Norwich City 0
Plymouth Argyle 0, Coventry City 2
Sheffield Wednesday 5, Fulham 1
Southampton 2, Sheffield United 2
Swansea Town 3, West Bromwich A. 2
Tottenham Hotspur 1, Burnley 0
West Ham United 0, Millwall 0

3RD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot 2, Crystal Palace 1
Brighton and Hove Albion 1, Bristol City 0
Bristol Rovers 1, Bournemouth and B.A. 0
Exeter City 5, Southend United 3
Mansfield Town 0, Ipswich Town 1
Newport County 6, Swindon Town 4
Notts County 0, Watford 3
Port Vale 0, Northampton Town 2
Queen's Park Rangers 5, Cardiff City 0
Torquay United 2, Clapton Orient 1
Walsall 3, Reading 0

3RD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington Stanley 0, Barnsley 2
Bradford City 3, Barrow 0
Carlisle United 1, Wrexham 1
Chester 8, Hartlepool United 2
Crewe Alexandra 8, York City 2
Darlington 5, Gateshead 2
Lincoln City 0, Halifax Town 0
New Brighton 6, Hull City 1
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Hole in One Stroke Again at Hungjao

Mr. Leo Saphiere, a member of the Shanghai Golf Club, did the 9th hole at the Hungjao course in one stroke on Tuesday. He used a No. 4 iron against a strong head-wind and the ball he played was the newly arrived Walter Hagen "288."

Tennis Giants to Visit Shanghai Next Year

Don Budge, Perry, Vines All Expected

A professional tennis circus which will include Donald Budge, Fred Perry, and Ellsworth Vines will visit Shanghai during the first half of next year, according to a message received from Singapore by the "South China Morning Post."

He will do so on January 1 and then, after a tour of America, will leave for the Far East with Perry and Vines.

The itinerary includes Japan, Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila.

The Singapore report states that Alice Marble and Dorothy Bundy, who are amateurs, are also likely to visit the Far East next year on a separate non-professional tour.

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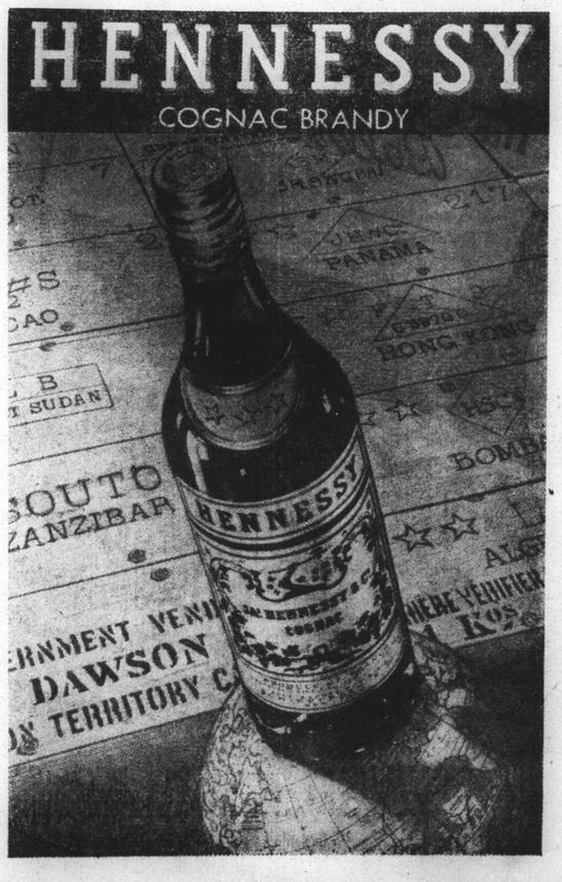

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Young Men of United States Rallied for Air Force

President Roosevelt Announces Aviation Training Scheme for Colleges Throughout Nation

Washington, Dec. 27.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt launched the Administration's programme to built the most powerful air armada in the world today with the announcement that preliminary plans had been completed for training 20,000 civilian aeroplane pilots as reserves in case of war. Mr. Roosevelt said the programme for training pilots to fly the 12,500 planes due under the nation's record rearmament drive would be carried out under the supervision of the National Youth Administration and probably would go into full effect in several hundred colleges throughout the country in the 1939-40 school year.

Plans for the mass training of pilots were worked out between the White House and the Civil Aeronautics authority, Mr. Roosevelt revealed. He said young pilots in colleges would be instructed by Army, Navy and expert civilian fliers. The President said the programme would meet its first test next month when 300 youths in a dozen educational institutions already engaged in various phases of aviation would be trained to become regular pilots. He said they would receive no training in combat flying, but after completion of their tests a selected list will enter the Army and Navy reserves for additional training.

Industrial Reorganization

Official sources here indicated today that the Administration intends as soon as possible to place the American aviation industry on a mass production basis similar to the American antomobile industry, with the object not only of preparing for a possible war time emergency, but also promoting possible world wide exports of planes.

The real objective of the President's expected recommendation to Congress for the construction of thousands of new planes, it was indicated, is that it will provide the domestic aviation industry with sufficient orders to assure mass production.

Military authorities here privately discount the possibility of any immediate international situation in which the United States Army would require 10,000 planes and the Navy 2,500 planes, but said that such comparatively large orders would enable factories to train thousands of new workers, a valuable asset to the nation in time of war.

Aviation industry leaders anticipate that under mass production the United States could manufacture sufficient planes at costs which would assure large sales in other countries, similar to the current widespread sales of American motor cars.

Meanwhile the President was understood to be drafting a separate message to be sent to Congress shortly after the opening session next week. The President's message will ask for special appropriations for national defence in view of the "extraordinary" international situation.

The President's defence programme will involve not only the construction of the most powerful navy in the world, but the construction of between 12,000-13,000 modern fighting planes, including scores of long-range "Flying Fortresses."

Defence of Western World

Mr. Roosevelt's special message to Congress is expected to stress the extraordinary aspects of present international affairs and reaffirm the nation's determination to defend the Western Hemisphere against possible foreign aggression.

Great attention is being given by the President—himself the Assistant Secretary of Navy during the Great War—to the construction of capital ships. Some experts here believed today that the United States Navy by 1943 may possess greater battleship strength—"the backbone of the fleet"—than even Great Britain. Within five years the nation will be able to muster capital ships totalling possibly as high as 800,000 tons.

At present the United States has fifteen battleships afloat. Two more are under construction, scheduled for completion late in 1941. Four others, which will be laid down early in 1939, are expected to be completed by 1943.

Supremacy in Five Years

In addition the President will ask for funds for three other capital ships already authorized. Congress is expected to make the appropriation soon after it re-convenes next week. Thus, in five years the fleet would possess 24 dreadnaughts, sixteen of which would be under-age, that is, under 26 years old. Although most of the other Powers are rebuilding rapidly, their forces in the battleship class will not approach those of this country in five years.

While the President drafted his message to Congress today, however, there were indications that a powerful Congressional bi-partisan bloc might be formed to oppose the huge armament programme on the grounds that it is based on "hysteria" and the "false assumption that the New World is vulnerable to attack."

Republican Opposition

Mr. Hamilton Fish, Representative of New York, issued a statement today charging the President with using his defence programme "to cover the failure and breakdown of the New Deal economic and farm policies."

Observers saw in the statement, coming from a Republican Representative, a possible political battle over the rearmament programme because of its effect on the national budget, which is expected to promote partisan strife in the new Congress. They pointed out the Republican Party in the next Congress obviously will be looking for political issues to project into the 1940 Presidential campaign.

In past election years tariff policy usually has been a major issue. As tariff-making now is entrusted largely to the State Department under the reciprocity bargaining act, the Hull reciprocity programme probably will come in for political "sharpshooting." However, extraordinary nationwide public regard for the Secretary of State may make it inadvisable for the Republicans to center their attacks on the Administration's tariff policies. Consequently emphasis on the budget and proposed national defence expenditures is expected.—United Press.

New Gas Co. Formed In Greater Shanghai

To Supply Areas Outside Settlement

Designed to serve areas in Greater Shanghai, outside the Settlement and the French Concession, the Greater Shanghai Gas Company, a Y.3,000,000 firm organized under the laws of the "Reformed Government" in Nanking, came into being on Tuesday, Japanese newspapers reported yesterday.

Mr. Wang Tze-hui, Minister of Industry of the "Reformed Government," and promoters of the new joint Sino-Japanese concern, attended the inaugural meeting held at the Astor House on Tuesday afternoon.

Japanese investments, totalling Y.2,500,000, will be made by the Central China Development Co., which will subscribe Y.1,500,000, and leading Japanese gas companies, which will jointly subscribe Y.1,000,000. The Shanghai Real Estate Company will invest Y.200,000, while Y.300,000 worth of shares will be put on the market for sale among Chinese.

M. Aimei Toyosho, former managing director of the Hiroshima Gas and Electric Power Co.; Mr. Chen Shao-yen, director of the Shanghai Real Estate Co., and Mr. Mikichi Iwakura, of the Tokyo Gas Chemical Industry Company, were tentatively chosen to act as managing directors, the Japanese papers said. Mr. Fei Wu-yu was to be appointed comptroller, the dailies declared.

GENERAL Li Han-hwen, newly appointed Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, has arrived in Kwangtung province and will formally assume office shortly, says the "Wen Wei Pao."

Anti-Jewish Moves Grow in U.S.

Nazi Rise to Power in Reich Brings Reaction Throughout America

New York, Dec. 27.

Nazi propaganda in the United States, since the coming into power of Herr Adolf Hitler in Germany, has led to increasing discrimination against the employment of Jews by American firms.

This was the revelation made today in the report upon unemployment among Jews, published by the American Jewish Congress. Mr. J. Cohen, president of the Economic Problems Committee of the Congress, is the author of this report.

He investigated ninety major employment agencies in the United States before compiling his report and found that while 56 did not differentiate upon the religious question sixteen were openly anti-Semitic while 35 always asked of their clients indications upon their "religious preferences."

Mr. Cohen also found that many employment agencies placed Jews in jobs only after all others had been placed. Jews were the first to be dismissed in times fo economic depression, he added in his report. He emphasized that in New York alone, 21 per cent. of the young Jewish population, or 115,000 young men and women, are unemployed this very day. Of those, 40,000 have never yet been employed anywhere.

Studying "positions vacant" advertisements in newspapers, Mr. Cohen found that notices including the words, "Christians only," were on the increase.

This anti-Semitic trend caused by Nazi propaganda in the United States has already roused some reaction in American political quarters. There are now many politicians who advocate that the Government take measures to stop the "non-American" agitation of racist speakers such as Father Coughlin, who is one of the most virulent in the U.S.—Havas.

Big Railway Building Programme Planned

11 New Lines in Southwest China Contemplated

Dr. H. H. Kung is reported to be heading the newly created Economic Reconstruction Committee which also looks after railway construction, and already $20,000,000 has been set aside as the foundation fund for carrying out the scheme. The Chinese Government is said to have mapped out a plan for building 11 railways connecting all provinces in the southwest and in all they will measure about 6,400 kilometres.

The surveying work on the proposed Kweiyang-Kunming and Szechwan-Yunan Railways is reported to have been completed and construction work will soon be started, Chinese reports state.

Having secured British credits, the Chinese Government is said to have decided to build the Yuan-Burma Railway first. It is pointed out that the railway, when completed, will measure 1,200 kilometres.

It will connect Europe with the Southwest and also save about one week's travelling time as when the railway is completed there will be no necessity of reaching Kunming via Malayan peninsula, it is pointed out. There will be no difficulties in transporting British materials for building the railway as the Yunnan Burma highway has already been completed.

Japanese Miners in Morning Coats

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

As a result of the demands of the munitions and heavy industries, arising from the prolonged warfare in China, the coal-mining industry in Western Japan, notably North Kyushu, is booming and huge profits are being made.

A representative of the Japanese Ministry of Commerce and Industry, who recently made an official inspection, remarked that "miners are vying with each other in buying new morning-coats, thus gratifying the desire of a life-time." A morning-coat and striped trousers are the "correct wear" in Japan on formal occasions.—Reuter.

FUNERAL

Mr. Freddie Kaufman

The funeral (cremation) service for the late Mr. Freddie Kaufman of the Cathay Hotel was held in the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel yesterday afternoon. The large attendance of mourners testified to the esteem in which deceased was held. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Pastor Kreuger, of the German Church. On the casket which was draped with a blue pall rested two beautiful floral sprays from Mr. H. Reihmer and Mrs. Reiser.

Among others sending tributes were:—

The Directors of the Cathay Hotels Limited, Mr. Robert Telfer, Manager of the Cathay Hotel, Cathay Hotel Staff, Chinese Staff of the "Tower," Mr. Rudolf Laurenz, Van's Dutch Village Inn, "Mickey," Mr. A. H. F. van Herwijnen, Comr. and Mrs. H. S. Kerby, Herr and Frau Fr. Engels-Futterer, Mr. G. L. Comte, Mr. George V. Gleron, Mme. Helen Piper, Joy and George, Cecil and Denzil Ezra, Mr. Francis G. Gmehling, Eerthold Baruch. All Staff of the Maskee Bar, Mr. Ford, Mr. Louis Suter, Mr. J. W. Campbell, H. Wendt, Lock, Mr. H. L. Yung, Mr. K. Y. Chen, etc.

The funeral arrangements were in the care of Messrs. Thomas Macdonald & Co.

Three Japanese Die of Monoxide Poisoning

Fourth in Grave Condition From Fumes from Stove

Five days after their arrival in Shanghai, three Japanese men died, while another is lying in a serious condition at the Foomin Hospital, N. Szechuen Road,—all victims of carbon monoxide gas generated by a charcoal brazier, the "Shanghai Nippo" reported yesterday.

The victims, all said to be employees of the Matsumoto Wine Shop, 23 New Mo Terrace, Tiendong Road, were Mr. Haruyoshi Tanaka, Mr. Masaru Yoshikawa, Mr. Tokyichi Kamesaki and Mr. Matsuo Sasaki. Of the four, Mr. Sasaki alone is alive.

The four, who lived in one room, went to sleep with all windows closed, leaving a charcoal brazier burning.

U.S. Drug Firm Scandal Grows

McKesson & Robbins Inc. Inquiry Leads to Arrest Of Alleged Blackmailer

New York, Dec. 28.

The Federal Grand Jury today subpoenaed ten directors of the bankrupt McKesson & Robbins Inc. as the list of arrests in the sensational $18,000,000 swindling case continued to grow in scope.

The company's comptroller, Mr. John McGloon, meanwhile testified at the State Attorney General's public hearing in the case. McGloon explained what he knew about the company's finances during the time the late Philip Musica, better known as F. Donald Coster, was president of the firm, the world's third largest drug company.

The latest arrest in the case was Walter Cragg, disbarred lawyer, accused of blackmailing Musica while the latter was running the drug company with the assistance of his three brothers. Federal agents indicated Musica had been blackmailed by numerous persons who knew his identity and his criminal record. Additional arrests are expected today or tomorrow.

Musica's three surviving brothers, all former officials in the McKesson & Robbins Inc., spent Christmas in jail here under bonds ranging from $17,000 to $30,000. A letter written by Musica before his suicide ten days ago absolved his brothers of responsibility in the mismanagement of the company's raw drug department which resulted in the disappearance of $18,000,000 worth of the company's listed assets and other multifarious activities involving narcotic importations, illegal liquor sales, tax evasion and even murder.

Scottish Firms Involved

Meanwhile four Scottish firms in Glasgow were informed by Mr. James Caffrey, regional administrator of the Securities and Exchange Commission in New York, that they were indebted to McKesson & Robbins to the extent of more than $50,000. Mr. Caffrey said the company's books, which he is investigating, listed the four companies as being long-time debtors of McKesson & Robbins.

Further evidence regarding Musica's methods of manipulating the company's books was revealed, however, when the four Scottish companies replied that they owed McKesson & Robbins nothing, and that the entry in the bankrupt company's books was entirely fictitious.

The four Glasgow companies involved were Bell & Sons, Cockburn & Co., the Glasgow Spirits and Wine Co., and the Uddington Confectionery Manufacturing Co.—United Press.

Czech-Hungarian Border Clash Reported

Budapest, Dec. 28.

One person was killed and many were wounded in a clash yesterday between peasants, armed with knives and sticks, and Hungarian gendarmes in the communes of Nagysurany and Zog, near the Czechoslovakian-Hungarian frontier, according to an official announcement. The encounter followed a demonstration in which the Slovaks demanded the return to Czechoslovakia of two communes, which were allocated to Hungary in the recent Italian-German arbitration.—Reuter.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1938

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 5/16 ..... $ 28.03
U.S. $100 @ 16 5/8 ..... $601.50

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 1/32 ..... $27.725
U.S. $100 @ 16 3/8 ..... $592.59
London—demand 8 23/32
4 months' sight credits 8 23/32
4 months' sight docts 8 23/32
6 months' sight credits 8 3/4
6 months' sight docts 8 13/16
New York—demand .....U.S. $16 7/8
4 months' sight credits 17
4 months' sight docts 17 1/8
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. nom.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ..... 8 31/32 U.S. $16 1/16
Hongkong/London 1/3

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 16 5/8 .....$603.77
Hongkong $563/4 .....$100.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders .....Buying 31 1/8
Java Guilders ..... " 31
Netherlands Guilders .....Selling 30 1/2
Java Guilders ..... " 30 3/8

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying U.S.$100=$564.795 £1=$27.626
Selling U.S.$100=$606.061 £1=$28.235

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.98 1/2=$1 Belgas 27.53=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 3.05=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.73 1/2=$1
Tourist Lire 3.27 .....$1

Other Quotations

Berlin/Hamburg T.T. $100=Rm. 41.00
$100=Reg. Mk. 74.00
incl. License fee

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	8 1/2	8 3/4
U.S. G.$	16 1/4	16 3/8
Yen	—	—

MERCHANTS CLOSING RATES

	SELLING	BUYING
Cash		December
£ T.T.	8 5/16	8 3/4
G.$ T.T.	16 5/8	4m/s. l.c. 16 3/8
Fcs. T.T.	631	4 m/s. 647
Rs. T.T.	47 3/4	7 d/s. 48 1/4

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20 7/8	19 11/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	42 3/4	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	51.05	—

Bombay offtake 15 bars.

London silver was 1/16 down for ready and 1/8 up forward, being 20 3/16 for ready and 19 11/16 forward. New York was unchanged at 42¾ and Bombay was 3 annas up at 51.05.

It was reported speculators bought. Market quietly steady.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 5/16 sterling and 16 5/8 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was very quiet. Opening with nominal sellers at 8 5/16 sterling and 16 3/4 U.S.$, business was done in cash sterling at 8 1/2 and 8 3/4, but nothing was reported in Cash dollars. Business was also done in January sterling at 8 5/16 but remained a seller at the close. January dollars were done at 16 5/8, but closed rather buyers. There were sellers at the close at:—

8 27/32	sterling	16 11/16 U.S.$	Dec.
8 5/16	"	16 19/32 "	Jan.
8 3/4	"	16 5/32 "	Feb.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Official Averages

1938 High	1938 Low		Today's Averages	Change
146.91	140.30	General	137.71	+0.14
149.21	95.55	Rubbers	138.72	—0.60

Total 13,903 shares, 120 bonds.

Morning Session

$1,000	China Realty 2% Debs.		$ 59.00
$11,000	China Realty 8% Debs.		$ 60.00
500	S'hai Loan		$ 5.90
500	S'hai Land		$ 9.90
2,000	I. I. Trust		$ 2.20
1,000	Ewo Mills (Ord)	X.R.	$ 16.90
1,000	S'hai Loan		$ 5.85
100	S'hai Dock		$103.50
1,000	Cathay Land		$ 1.70
200	Kaiping		$ 26.75
200	Ewo Mills (Rights)		$ 2.05
500	S'hai Gas		$ 8.00
1,000	Tebong		$ 0.88
100	Wheelock		$ 32.75
100	Wheelock		$ 33.00
1,000	Chemor		$ 1.34
1,000	Chemor		$ 1.35
43	S'hai Power (Pref)		$122.75
500	Yangtsze Finance		$ 6.40
1,000	Metal Ind. of China		$ 6.70
100	Wheelock		$ 32.75
1,000	Exploration		$ 8.00
200	Anglo Java		$ 15.10
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	X.R.	$ 16.80

ODD LOTS

4	Anglo Dutch	$ 9.60
2	S'hai Power (Pref)	$123.50
5	S'hai Power (Pref)	$123.00
100	S'hai Gas	$ 8.00
300	S'hai Land	$ 9.80
50	Kaiping	$ 26.00

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on: Dec. 27.

Japan	78 5/8	London	1/5 23/64
New York	287 3/8	2 mths	
Shanghai	50 1/4	" (sellers)	1/5 23/64
Hongkong	86 1/4	" (buyers)	1/5 21/64

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.10	Japan	27.20
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	16.75
Holland	54.37 1/2	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.63 1/2	C'slovakia	3.43 1/2
Brussels	16.85 1/2	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26 1/4	Rumania	0.73 1/2
S'zerland	22.58	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.03	Greece	0.85 1/8
Norway	23.45	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	20.83	Finland	2.06 1/2
Montreal	99.960	Poland	18.92 1/2
Brazil	5.95		

London	4.66 1/2
" Demand	4.66 3/8
" Bankers' 60 days bills	4.65 3/8
" Commercial 60 days bills	4.65 1/8
Buenos Aires Paper	28.94
" " market rates	22.85
Montreal on London	4.71 5/16

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/2 %B 0 1/2 %A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 5/8 %B 0 1/2 %A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Mentoukou Mines

Messrs. George McBain have received information that the production of coal from the Mentoukou Mines was resumed on December 25.

Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Dec. 28.

Kogo 5% ..... Y. 103.56

—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 27.

Easy conditions prevailed on Wall Street today, with stock prices mostly finishing fractions lower from Saturday's levels. A wave of belated tax selling and the drop in steel operations to 38.8 per cent. of capacity were depressing factors. Good business news and favourable retail trade reports helped sentiment. The turnover amounted to 1,240,000 shares.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	151.74	150.04	150.43	—0.95
20 Rails	32.15	31.42	31.55	—0.47
15 Unit.	22.00	21.35	21.49	—0.55
40 Bonds	——	——	89.52	—0.07
11 Commod.	——	——	48.30	——

	Dec. 24	27
Adams Express	10 1/2	10 1/2
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	26 1/4	26
Allis Chalmers	46 3/4	46
Amerada Corp.	66 3/4	66 3/4
Amer. Can	100	99
Amer. & For. Power	3	2 7/8
" " $7 pfd.	17	16 1/4
Amer. Locomotive	29	28 5/8
Amer. Metal	38	37
Amer. Radiator	17 3/8	17 1/4
Amer. Rolling Mill	20 1/2	20
Amer. Smelting	49	48 5/8
Amer. Sugar Refining	197 3/8	193 5/8
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	147 1/4	147
Amer. Tobacco "B"	87	87 1/4
Amer. Waterworks	12 7/8	12 5/8
Anaconda Copper	34 1/2	34
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	40 7/8	39 1/2
Auburn	B 31 1/4	31 1/4
Baltimore & Ohio	7 1/4	7
Barber Asphalt Corp.	19 3/8	18 5/8
Barnsdall Oil Co.	18 1/4	17 5/8
Bethlehem Steel	75 1/2	75 1/8
Boeing Airplane Co.	31 5/8	31 5/8
Borg Warner	31	30 3/4
Briggs Mfg. Co.	30 1/4	29 1/4
Brooklyn-Manhattan	11 5/8	11 3/8
" $6 cum. pfd.	39	38 1/2
Can. Pacific Rly.	5 1/2	5 3/8
Case, J.I.	B 88 3/4	89
Chase Nat. Bank	B 29 1/4	B 29 3/8
Chesapeake & Ohio	36 1/8	35 1/2
Chrysler	82 7/8	81 3/4
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6 1/4	6 1/8
" "A" pfd.	B 70	70 1/4
Coml. Credit	57	56 1/4
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1 1/4	1 1/4
" $6 cum. pfd.	45	42 1/2
Consolid. Edison	30	29 1/2
Consolid. Oil	8 3/8	8 1/4
Continental Can	40 3/4	40
Continental Oil	30 3/4	30
Corn Products	63 3/4	63 1/4
Curties Wright (com.)	6 1/2	6 3/8
" " "A"	26 1/4	26 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19 1/8	19
Douglas Aircraft	76 7/8	76
Du Pont de Nemours	150 1/2	150 1/4
Eagle Picher Lead	13	13 1/2
Elec. Bond & Sh.	10 1/4	9 3/4
" " $5 pfd.	B 57	56
" " $6 pfd.	B 62 1/4	61
Elec. Power & Lt.	35 1/2	34 3/8
Flintkote	28 7/8	28 5/8
Gen. Amer. Trans.	57 3/4	57 1/4
Gen. Elec.	42 3/8	42 1/4
Gen. Motors	50 1/4	49 3/8
Gen. Rly. Signal	24 3/8	24 3/8
Glidden Co.	23 3/4	22 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	24	23 1/8
" $5 pfd.	B 65	65
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	37 1/2	36 3/4
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	B 13 1/4	13 1/2
Great Nthrn. Rly.	28 7/8	28 1/8
Great Western Sugar	25	25
Greyhound Corp.	20 1/8	19 5/8
Hecker Products	10 1/2	10 1/4
Homestake Min.	62 1/2	63
Int. Nickel	55	54 7/8
Int. Tel. & Tel.	9	9
Johns Manville	103	102 1/4
Kennecott	42 1/8	41 1/4
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	53 1/4	52 3/4
Lockheed Aircraft	35 3/8	33 1/2
Loew's Inc.	53	52 3/8
Manhattan Shirt Co.	12 1/2	12 1/4
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	33 1/4	33 1/4
McKesson & Rob.	9/9 1/2	7 1/2/8 1/4
	B/A	B/A
Monsanto Chemical	105 3/4	106 1/4
Montgomery Ward	52	50 3/4
Nat. City Bank	B 22 1/2	B 22 3/4
Nat. Dairy Products	12 3/4	12 7/8
Nat. Distillers	27	26 3/4
Nat. Gypsum	15 1/4	14 7/8
Nat. Lead	26 1/4	25 7/8
Nat. Power & Lt.	7 1/2	7 1/4
Nat. Supply Co. of Penn.	13 7/8	13 1/2
New York Central	20 1/4	19 7/8
North Amer. Aviation	17 3/8	17 5/8
North American	21 5/8	21
Northern Pacific	12 3/4	13
Pacific Gas & Elec.	29	29 1/8
Pacific Lighting	42	42 1/2
Packard Motors	4 3/8	4
Paramount Pictures Inc.	12 7/8	12 3/4
Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2	22 1/8
Phelps Dodge	41 7/8	41 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	41 3/4	41 5/8
Public Serv. of N.J.	30 5/8	30 1/8
Pure Oil	10 1/2	10
Radio Corp. of Amer.	7 3/4	7 1/2
Republic Steel Co.	24	23 3/8
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	43 1/8	42 7/8
Schenley	16 1/8	15 1/4
" 5 1/2% pfd.	Unq.	66
Sears Roebuck	73 3/8	72 1/2
Shell Union Oil	Unq.	14 3/8
Socony-Vacuum	12 7/8	12 7/8
Sthrn. Pacific	20 1/4	19 3/8
Sthrn. Rly. $5 pfd.	33	32 1/4
Stand. Brands	6 1/2	6 1/2
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3 1/8	3 1/8
Stand. Oil of N.J.	52	51 7/8
Stone & Webster	16 1/2	15 3/8
Swift International	27 1/2	27 1/4
Technicolor	Unq.	21 1/4
Texas Corp.	46	45
Texas Gulf Sulphur	31	31 1/4
Transamerica	6 3/4	6 5/8
Tw. Century Fox Film,	25 1/2	25 3/8
" " pfd.	34	34
Un. Carbide & Carbon	89	89 1/4
Un. Pacific	91 3/8	93
Un. Aircraft	41 3/8	41 3/8
Un. Air Lines Trans.	12 1/4	11 3/4
Un. Corp.	2 3/4	2 5/8
" $3 pfd.	34	33 5/8
Un. Gas Corp.	2 5/8	2 5/8
Un. Gas Improvement	10 1/2	11
U. S. Rubber	51 1/2	49 3/4
" 8% pfd.	102 1/2	100 3/4
U. S. Steel	67 1/2	66 3/8
Venadium	27 3/8	27
Warner Bros. Picts.	5 5/8	5 1/2
Westinghouse Elec.	118	117 1/4
Woodward Iron	Unq.	24 1/2

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	Unq.	50 1/2
Brazil	9 1/2	9 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	18 3/8	17
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	74 1/4	77
Erie R.R.	14	13 1/8
Int. Tel. & Tel. 4 1/2s	Unq.	B 99 7/8
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	68 5/8	68 3/4
New England Gas	54	53 1/2
Peru	9	8 7/8
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	52 3/4	51 1/2
Standard Gas & Elec.	59	59 1/4

WEEKLY CLOSING STOCKS

	Dec. 20	27
Air Associates	11 7/8	B 10 1/4
Alasaka Juneau	9 1/2	9 3/4
Amer. Brake Shoe & Fdry.	46	48 1/2
Ass. Gas & Elec.	B 6	7
Aalan, Gulf & W.	10	B 10
Atlan. Refining	22 3/4	21 3/4
Atlas Corp.	8	8
Baltimore & Ohio $4 pfd.	7 3/8	8 1/2
Bank of Amer.	B 32 1/2	B 32 1/4
Bendix Aviation	25 1/4	27 1/4
Borden Co.	16 1/8	16 1/4
Celanese Corp.	23 1/8	23 1/8
Chesapeake Corp.	41 3/8	22 3/4
Chic. & North Western	0 1/2	0 1/2
Coml. Solvents	8 3/8	9 1/2
Consumers Pwr. $4.50	B 94 1/2	B 93 1/2
Corn Products 7% pfd.	B 175	B 176
Coty Inc.	4 3/8	4 1/4
Crane Co.	36 3/4	35 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	21 1/8	22 1/2
Dist. Corp. Seagrams	B 87	B 84
Elec. Auto-Lite	35	33 1/2
Elec. Boat Co.	11 3/4	11 3/4
Elec. Power & Lt.	10 1/2	10 1/4
Elec. Storage Battery	28 7/8	28 3/4
Freeport Sulphur	28 1/2	28 3/8
Gen. Cigar	22 1/4	22 1/2
Gen. Foods	37 3/8	38
Gen. Mills	77 1/2	77 1/2
Granby Cons. Mining	7 1/2	7 3/4
Int. Dept. Stores	13 1/2	13 3/8
Lorillard	20 3/4	20 5/8
Masonite Corp.	57 1/2	55 3/4
Mountain City Copper	5 7/8	6
Mueller Brass	26 3/8	25 3/8
Nash Kelvinator	8 1/4	8
Nat. Power & Lt.	B 70	68
Niagara Hudson Power	7 3/4	7 1/4
Patino Mines	10 3/8	B 10 1/2
Pullman Inc.	34 3/4	36 1/8
Sthrn. Cal. Edison	22 1/4	22 1/4
Sthrn. Rly.	19 3/4	21 1/4
Sterling Products	70	70
Texas Pacific Land	8 1/8	8 1/2
Tidewater Ass. Oil	12 3/4	12 3/4
Timken Detroit Axle	17 3/8	17
Un. Biscuit	B 16 3/4	16 1/4
Un. Light & Pwr. "A"	2	1 3/4
Un. Pipe & Fdry.	46 1/4	45 7/8
U. Realty & Imp.	5	4 3/4
U. S. Smelt.	57	56
Westinghouse Air Brakes	28 3/4	29 5/8
Yellow Truck & Coach "B"	18 5/8	13
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	52 1/8	51 1/2

A—Asked B—Bid.—Reuter.

Ayer Tawah Annual Meeting

Satisfactory Condition Reported; Development Of Estate

The twenty-ninth annual general meeting of shareholders of the Ayer Tawah Rubber Plantation Co. Ltd., was held yesterday in the offices of the secretaries, 61, Yuen Ming Yuen Road. Mr. L. E. Canning, O.B.E. (Chairman) presided, supported by Mr. A. J. Welch (Director), Mr. F. H. Artindale, representing the secretaries, and the following shareholders:—Messrs. L. Soyka, F. Ching and D. C. Kwei. The total holding represented, inclusive of proxies, was 115,524 shares.

The Chairman's speech was as follows:—

The working for the past year has resulted in a profit of Ch.$112,202.92 as compared with a profit for the previous year of Ch.$233,864.43, which, in the circumstances, may, I think, be considered satisfactory. This decrease in profit is mainly attributable to the fact that the average net price realized for our product was only 22.64 Straits cents per pound as compared with 32.49 Straits cents per pound last year.

Out of this profit two interim dividends, of 5 cents each, have been paid and your board now recommends that a final dividend of 15 cents per share, making a total of 25 cents per share for the year, be paid. It is further recommended that the sum of Ch.$18,776.12, representing the cost of replanting 21½ acres, preparing 15 acres for replanting and upkeeping the 104 acres replanted in 1936 and 1937, shall be written off out of Profits. This will leave us with the sum of Ch.$44,945.99 in profit & loss account to carry forward to the next account.

Further Expenditure

We are still faced with considerable further expenditure on replanting and the upkeep of the areas that have been already replanted and it is for this reason that your board recommend that such a substantial sum shall be carried forward in profit & loss account as it will obviate too heavy a charge for replanting being made against the profit for the current year.

Financially, the company is in a satisfactory position since if you pass the recommendations now made by your directors the company will start the new year with a surplus of liquid assets over cash liabilities of Ch.$153,000.

Turning now to planting matters the estate has, as usual, been kept in first class condition and all buildings and machinery have been given the necessary upkeep and are reported to be in a satisfactory state of repair. The drains throughout the estate have been cleaned out and deepened and are now in very good order.

Future Development

An area of 58 acres of the old rubber is being felled and made ready for replanting in March 1939. In passing I may say that the small trial area of 9½ acres planted and bud-grafted in 1932 has developed very satisfactorily and should soon become tappable. In order to secure a reserve of land for future development an application has been made for an area of State land adjoining the estate, but whether this will be granted or not it is too early to say. A small area of jungle land, also adjoining the estate, has been offered to us and negotiations for its acquisition are still proceeding.

The supply of labour was sufficient throughout the year and the incidence of malaria has been much reduced by the energetic anti-malarial measures that have been exercised. It is with great regret that I have to announce that Mr. Roberton, who only returned from Home Leave in March, died from pneumonia on June 6. Mr. Roberton had always given of his best to the Ayer Tawah and the benefit of his services will be greatly missed.

Unfortunately Mr. Barbour after 18 years service with the company, had retired in March 1938 but we were fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. J. Watson, who had been an assistant on the estate from 1926 to 1931 to replace him, and this gentleman is now in charge of the estate and working to the satisfaction of the agents and visiting agent.

Speaking generally the estate is in a satisfactory condition and the bulk of the heavy expenditure on weeding and the elimination of pests and diseases is now a thing of the past.

In conclusion Gentlemen, I would like to convey our best thanks to the Staff on the estate, to the Straits agents, and to the visiting agent for the efficient manner in which they have administered the affairs of the estate during the year under review.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed—that the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended September 30, 1938, as presented be accepted and passed. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. A. G. Welch.

That a final dividend of fifteen China Standard dollar cents per share on the issued share capital of the company be declared and paid to the shareholders on the register on December 28, 1938. This was proposed by Mr. L. E. Canning, and Seconded by Mr. A. J. Welch.

That Mr. L. E. Canning be re-elected a director of the company, was proposed by Mr. F. H. Artindale, and Seconded by Mr. F. Ching.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be re-elected auditors to the company for the ensuing year in Penang at an annual remuneration of St.$180 and in Shanghai at an annual remuneration of $210, also that an additional sum of $370.65, be paid for the financial year ended September 30, 1938. This was proposed by Mr. F. Ching, and seconded by Mr. D. C. Kwei.

That a sum of China dollars one hundred and fifty be contributed to the British Forces Recreation Centre Fund, was proposed by Mr. L. E. Canning, seconded by Mr. A. J. Welch.

A Breeze

During the meeting Mr. L. Soyka, a shareholder, asked several questions pertaining to promises alleged to have been made by the directors of the company at the last annual meeting when, it was declared by Mr. Soyka, the meeting was informed that the company would economise.

In view of this, Mr. Soyka asked, why had the accountants' fees been increased from $400 to $790? The shareholder also remarked that while last year there had been a dividend payment of $0.55 per share, this year's payment was only $0.25.

The chairman replied to these questions by stating that the sum of $790 included fees for Shanghai and Straits. It was added by the Chairman that only the Shanghai share of the payment had been increased due to higher living costs here.

Mr. Soyka then insisted that the increase should not have been made without the adoption of a special resolution. The shareholder added: "Can you act against the law?"

The Chairman: "I am not a lawyer. We (directors) take full responsibility for our actions."

Details of Trade Treaties

Particulars of Concessions and Agreements Made Between U.K., U.S., and Canada

Washington, Dec. 27.

DETAILS of major concessions made by the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada in the new reciprocal trade treaties, effective January 1, follow: The United Kingdom-United States agreement:

British concession on American products.

Grains—present duty of six cents a bushel removed. Corn, now duty-free, guaranteed against imposition of duties. Duty on rice reduced from about two cents to about 1½ cents per pound.

Meat and related products—10 per cent. duty on lard removed. The American quota of hams, already on the free list, guaranteed not to fall below a minimum of 56,000,000 pounds, compared with quota ranging from 47,000,000 to 49,000,000 pounds in 1935-37 period

Automobiles—agreement not to increase present duty of 33⅓ per cent. on those of 25 horsepower or upward.

Tobacco—agreement not to increase present empire preference on unmanufactured tobacco of approximately 50 cents per pound.

Cotton—to remain duty free.

Apples—duty on apples reduced one-third. Britain absorbs 40 per cent. of apples exported.

Pears—duty reduced one-third between August and January, the marketing season. No increase in duty on canned pears.

Canned peaches and apricots—bound against duty increases.

Canned grapefruit—abolition of the present 15 per cent. duty.

Canned pineapples—duty reduced two per cent.

Canned asparagus and corn—duty reduced 50 per cent.

Oysters; chilled or frozen salmon—duty reduced 50 per cent.; canned Salmon guaranteed against increase.

Office machinery—duty on new standard typewriters reduced 22 per cent.

United States' concessions on British products.

Whiskey, gin and rum—present rates of $2.50 per proof gallon bound against increase. Imports of spirits in 1937 totalled $54,651,000, of which $32,800,000 were from Britain.

Cotton manufactures—duties reduced on 40 classifications. Reductions range from 1/5 of one per cent. to 7 per cent. ad valorem. On cotton cloth, reductions range from 20 to 48 per cent.

Flax, hemp, jute and manufactures thereof—duty reductions range from 1s to 42 per cent.

Linoleum—duty reduced about 25 per cent.

Woollen fabrics (chiefly men's suitings)—duties reduced from 10 to 25 per cent.

Wool hosiery—duty reduced about 15 to 25 per cent.

Wool-knit outerwear—duty reduced about 10 per cent.

Books, pamphlets, music and printed matter—rate halved from 15 to 7½ per cent.

Cowhide soles—ad valorem rate reduced from 12½ to 10 per cent.

Canadian-United States Agreement

Canadian concessions on American products.

Raw cotton—bound on free list, and three per cent. excise tax removed.

Lemons—bound on free list, and three per cent. excise tax removed.

Fresh fruits and vegetables—reduction in rates, removal of three per cent. excise tax.

Potatoes—all types admitted free.

Dried and canned fruits and vegetables—duties cut ranging from 15 to 50 per cent.

Hogs and pork—rate on live hogs lowered to one cent per pound; reduces 1936 rate of 2.5 cents per pound to 1.25 cents on fresh pork.

Poultry and eggs—17.5 per cent. ad valorem duty reduced to 15 per cent. on poultry, and from 10 to five cents per dozen on eggs.

Wood and wood manufactures—dressed lumber reduced from 20 to 10 per cent.; hardwood flooring reduced from 20 to 17½ per cent.; plywood reduced from 30 to 22½ per cent.

Cotton fabrics—base rate of 3½ cents per pound plus 27½ per cent. bound against increase, if cost is less than 50 cents per pound, three per cent. tax being removed; on denims for manufacture of garments rate becomes three cents plus 20 per cent.; on fabrics worth 50 to 80 cents per pound, rate lowered to three cents plus 25 per cent. and those worth over 80 cents per pound, three cents plus 20 per cent.

Coal, coke and related products—in effect, a three per cent. tax removed and other rates bound against increase.

Boots and shoes—rate reduced from 35 to 30 per cent., and miscellaneous leather manufactures reduced from 28 to 25 per cent.

Rubber tyres—rate reduced from 35 to 25 per cent.

Motion picture films—duty on positive films cut from three to two and one fourth cents per linear foot.

Concessions on Canadian Products

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Dairy and poultry products—duty on cream cut from 35 to 28.3 cents per gallon; rate on whole milk cut from 6½ to 3½ cents on a quantity not exceeding 3,000,000 gallons.

Grains—duty on barley lowered from 20 to 15 cents per bushel, on rye from 15 to 12, on oats from 16 to 8, and comparable reductions on buckwheat and buckwheat flour, cereal breakfast foods, oatmeal and brewers' grain.

Potatoes—seed potato duties lowered from 45 cents per 100 pounds to 37½ cents, and quota raised from 750,000 to 1,500,000 bushels. Table potatoes cut from 75 to 37½ cents on quantity not exceeding 1,000,000 bushels yearly.

Silver-fox furs—rates cut from 50 to 37½ per cent. ad valorem.

Maple sugar syrups—rate on maple sugar lowered to three cents from four cents per pound, and on syrup from four to two cents per pound.—United Press.

U.S. Commodities

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 27.

Trading was inactive in the cotton market, with January notices well absorbed. Later, southern hedge selling and foreign liquidation depressed prices. At the close, quotations were from 3 to 7 points down from Friday's levels.

Despite the closing of most foreign markets, trading was quite brisk in the rubber market, with prices moving higher on good consumer and factory interest. At the last call over quotations ranged from 8 to 11 points higher.

Prices in the Chicago Wheat Pit were early influenced by some liquidation. Later, the market rallied on reports that the cold wave has reached some of the southwest areas, which induced local support. At the final bell, quotations were ½ cent above Friday's levels.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber	
Jan.	8.26-26	—01	Jan.	16.52 N +11
Mar.	8.33-34	—04	Mar.	16.58-60 +11
May	8.15-15	—05	May	16.42-50 +07
July	7.85-85	—07		B/A
Oct.	7.54-54	—05	July	16.51-51 +08
Dec.	7.59-59	—03		

New York Sugar No. 4			New York Silk	
			May	1.14-15 —1
Mar.	1.13½-14½	—0½	Jan.	1.77-78 —1
	B/A			B/A

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn	
May	68⅛-68	+1½	May	52½-52⅝ +¼
July	67¾-67⅝	+1½	July	53⅜-52½ +⅜

Winnipeg Wheat		
May	62¾-62¾	+⅝
July	65⅛-63¼	+½

A—Asked B—Bid.—Reuter.

Violation of Labour Act

Washington, Dec. 27.

The National Labour Relations Board ruled here today that the Bethlehem Steel Co. violated the Wagner Labour act in sponsoring company dominated labour unions in opposition to non-company organizations.

The N.L.R.B. ruling recommended that the company, immediately disband nine unions alleged to be under the control of company officials.

The report of the Assistant Chief Trial Examiner, Mr. Frank Bloom, accused the company of contributing monetary support to the activities of those engaged in attempting to break the so-called Little Steel Strike of 1937". The report said the company publicized its opposition toward employees who engaged in the strike.—United Press.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 23	Opening	Prices 9.45 a.m.	2.45 p.m.
Antamok	.51 X	.51	
Balatoc	10.00	10.40	
Benguet Consolidated	14.20	14.10	
Coco Grove	.51	.51	
Consolidated Mines	.003	.003	
Demonstration	.28	.28	
Masbate	.19	.19	
North Camines	.64	.67	
San Mauricio	1.82	1.89	
Surigao Consolidated	.40	.39	
United Paracale	.62	.61	

Turnover: 1,316,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: (closing prices) 114.56.
X—Ex. Dividend.—Reuter.

U.S. Steel Mill Operations

New York, Dec. 27.

Steel mill activity in the United States for the week commencing December 26 was estimated at 38.8 per cent. of capacity, according to the weekly report of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

This shows a drop of 12.9 per cent. from last week's estimate, but an increase of 19.6 per cent. over the estimate for the corresponding period of last year.—Reuter.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Dec. 27.

Trading on the share market today was very quiet but the general tendency was rather cheerful. Chemische Heyden gained two points being quoted at 141, Daimler was 1¼ up to 133, North German Lloyd gained one point with 61¼ while Deutsche Linoleum lost 2⅞ with 152.—Trans-Ocean.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Dec. 27.

The Bourse opened today heavy on national counters, resistant upon Internationals. Dealing during the session was calm and quotations were only slightly changed. At closing time, French stocks were still heavy while Internationals remained resistant.—Havas.

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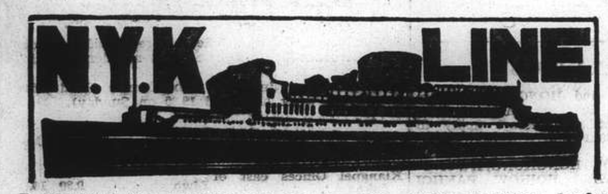

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*TATUTA MARU	Mar. 4

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	From Hongkong
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	TITAN	Gdynia,	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Japan Ports
B	DEUCALION	Liverpool	Jan. 19	Jan. 20	Japan
C	TALTHYBIUS	Pacific Coast	Jan. 21	Jan. 24	Hongkong
B	PERSEUS	Liverpool	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Japan
A	PATROCLUS	Liverpool	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Dairen.
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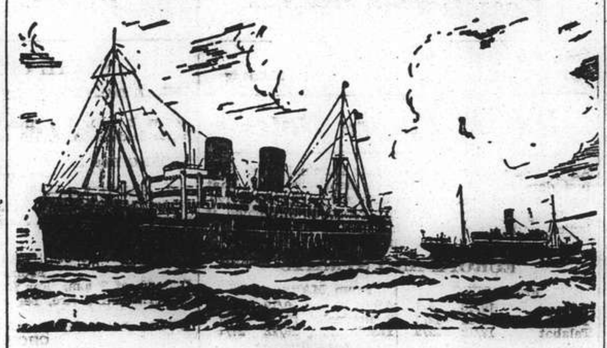

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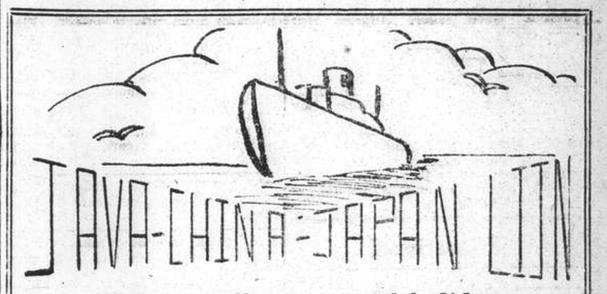

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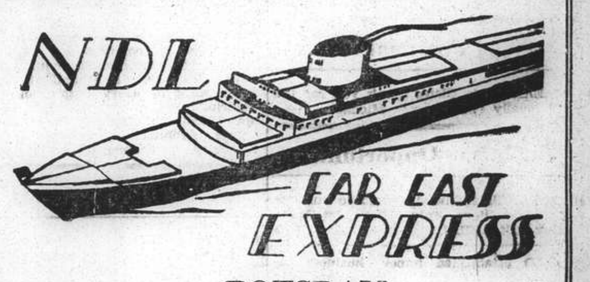

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ss. Empress of Japan Departure

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ss. Yusang Departure

Among the passengers leaving for the South today in the ss. Yusang are:

Messrs. R. Verona, K. Eskelund, Sze Ming Sze, H. P. Chu, T. J. Liu, H. Wetzel, A. Rohrcke, S. Brown, Stoekar, H. Bos, Mrs. K. Hooley, Misses J. McConnell, N. Raibekal.

Vessels Due To-day

From DAIREN: Dairen Maru
From HONGKONG: Sinkiang

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited on her voyage to Shanghai.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From OSLO		
Triton	19/10	5/1
Tarn	19/11	12/1
Talabot	17/12	12/2
From GDYNIA		
Titan	15/11	7/1
Eumaeus	13/12	3/2
From GLASGOW		
Sarpedon	19/11	3/1
Deucalion	3/12	19/1
Patroclus	17/12	1/2
From LIVERPOOL		
Menelaus	19/11	3/1
Sarpedon	26/11	3/1
Lycaon	3/12	15/1
Deucalion	10/12	19/1
Perseus	17/12	28/1
Patroclus	24/12	1/2
From LONDON		
Behar	26/11	5/1
Rajputana	2/12	9/1
Soudan	10/12	23/1
Ranchi	16/12	23/1
Yasukuni M.	23/12	27/1
From HAMBURG		
Potsdam	26/11	30/12
Lippe	12/11	4/1
Panama	15/11	7/1
Zuiderkerk	21/11	14/1
Elbe	10/12	16/1
Gneisenau	24/12	27/1
From ROTTERDAM		
Preussen	25/11	9/1
Zuiderkerk	11/11	14/1
Leverkusen	8/12	20/1
Tjikembang	29/12	11/2
Talabot	27/12	12/3
From ANTWERP		
Zuiderkerk	21/11	14/1
From LIVORNO		
Leverkusen	19/12	20/1
From MARSEILLES		
Athos II	9/12	6/1
F. Roussel	23/12	20/1
Yasukuni M.	29/12	27/1
From GENOA		
Zuiderkerk	11/12	14/1
Victoria	22/12	15/1
From TRIESTE		
Himalaya	20/11	9/1
From PORT SAID		
F. Roussel	29/12	20/1
Ranchi	29/12	23/1
From ADEN		
Soudan	26/12	23/1
From COLOMBO		
Potsdam	19/12	31/12
Himalaya	21/12	9/1
Preussen	20/12	9/1
Rajputana	26/12	9/1
Tarn	24/12	12/1
From KARACHI		
Sumatra	15/12	11/1
From PENANG		
Eumaeus	24/12	6/1
Lippe	26/12	7/1
From SINGAPORE		
C. Rosso	25/12	31/12
Sarpedon	26/12	3/1
Menelaus	24/12	4/1
Triton	25/12	5/1
Behar	27/12	5/1
Athos II	29/12	6/1
Titan	27/12	7/1
From SOERABAIA		
Tjisalak	19/12	5/1
Tjisadane	23/12	7/1
From BATAVIA		
Tjisalak	23/12	5/1
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK		
Silveryew	23/11	10/1
Gret. Maersk	23/11	12/1
C. Florence	19/11	15/1
Eskbank	7/12	24/1
Grete Maersk	10/12	25/1
C. Bedford	17/12	14/2
Stentor	27/12	16/2
From VANCOUVER		
Oakbank	—	10/1
Talthybius	27/12	21/1
From SEATTLE		
Talthybius	17/12	21/1
From SAN FRANCISCO		
Silveryew	10/12	10/1
From LOS ANGELES		
Bidevind	9/11	31/12
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		
From YOKOHAMA		
Chitral	27/12	2/1
Aeneas	27/12	6/1
From KOBE		
Shanghai M.	28/12	30/12
Taiyo M.	31/12	2/1
J. Laborde	31/12	2/1
From MIIKE		
Serooskerk	2/1	5/1
From NAGASAKI		
Shanghai M.	29/12	30/12
Nagasaki M.	31/12	1/1

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From LOUR. MARQUES		
Nolisement	—	5/1
Tegelberg	3/12	22/1
Harmattan	—	7/2
From TAMATAVE		
Tegelberg	27/12	22/1
From MELBOURNE		
Nellore	3/12	9/1
Tanda	4/1	9/2
From RABAUL		
Nellore	25/12	9/1

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN		
Tsingtao M.	30/12	1/1
Hoten M.	1/1	4/1
Dairen M.	3/1	6/1
From TIENTSIN		
Fooshing	19/12	30/12
Wosang	24/12	30/12
Yingchow	27/12	1/1
Shuntien	29/12	1/1
Chaksang	30/12	2/1
Hangsang	30/12	3/1
From TSINGTAO		
Hsin Peking	28/12	30/12
Fausang	—	31/12
From HUPUKOW		
Hanwo	29/12	29/12
From HSINKONG		
Tungwo	29/12	29/12
From NEEDOOKONG		
Whangpu	29/12	29/12
From AMOY		
Suiyang	27/12	30/12
From HONGKONG		
Kwaisang	24/12	30/12
Suiyang	25/12	30/12
Yunnan	27/12	31/12
Tsang	27/12	31/12
Hoihow	29/12	31/1
Leesang	31/12	4/1
From HAIPHONG		
Taiseunhong	27/12	2/1
Taksang	1/1	6/1

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

TINGSANG Dec. 30. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Friday, Dec. 30, at 8 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. Tender for passengers from Customs Jetty at 7.30 a.m. Friday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 30-12

KWAISANG Jan. 1. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Jardines Pootung Wharf on Sunday, Jan. 1, at noon. Tender for passengers from Customs Jetty at 11 a.m. Sunday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 1-1

FAUSANG Jan. 3. TSINGTAO.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at noon. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 3-1

SHUNTIEN Jan. 3. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 32020 (French Bund). 3-1

TAISEUNHONG Jan. 4. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Wednesday, Jan. 4. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 4-1

Vessels Leaving

SOUTH CHINA COAST

TSINAN Dec. 29. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 3 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 32020 (French Bund). 29-12

YUSANG Dec. 29. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 29-12

SINKIANG Dec. 30. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Friday, Dec. 30, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 32020 (French Bund). 29-12

WOSANG Dec. 31. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, Dec. 31, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 30-12

SUIYANG Jan. 1. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, Jan. 1, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 32020 (French Bund). 31-12

UTSIRE Jan. 2. FOOCHOW and CHIENCHOW. From Buoys 14-15 on January 2, 1939. For freight apply to Union Steamship Agency, 216 Robert Dollar Building, 51 Canton Road. Tel. 11706. 2-1

CHAKSANG Jan. 4. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Wednesday, Jan. 4. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 4-1

JAPAN

MENELAUS Jan. 4. OSAKA and YOKOHAMA.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 32020. 4-1

STRAITS AND EUROPE

BANGALORE Dec. 30. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, LONDON, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM and ANTWERP via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—For freight Apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11423. 30-12

AFRIKA Jan. 2. PORT SAID, JAFFA, HAIFA, BEYROUTH, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and COPENHAGEN via HONGKONG and SINGAPORE.—The East Asiatic Co.'s Motorship Afrika, Captain E. Broholm Jensen, will be despatched from here on or about January 2, for the above-mentioned ports. Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading to all Continental, Baltic and Scandinavian ports. Optional Bills of Lading issued to U.K. ports. For freight and passage apply to Agency of The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 2-1

CHITRAL Jan. 3. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 9.30 a.m. Tuesday, January 3, 1939. Hand packages only will be accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage will be received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, January 2, Customs Permit required for any nailed cases For Freight and Passage apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11423. 3-1

GAZANA Jan. 4. BOMBAY and KARACHI via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG and COLOMBO.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11423. 4-1

JEAN LABORDE Jan. 5. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 32034. 5-1

AENEAS Jan. 6. MARSEILLES, LONDON, ROTTERDAM and GLASGOW.—First Class Passenger Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund, Tel. 32020. 6-1

SEROOSKERK Jan. 6. (Loading on Jan. 5.) ADEN, PORT SUDAN, PORT SAID, GENOA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG and BREMEN.—The Holland East Asia Line s.s. Serooskerk sails from Shanghai on January 6. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., General Agents, Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 6-1

TANCRED Jan. 6. CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and OSLO via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE and PORT SAID.—Motor vessel Tancred of the Wilhelmsen Lines will be despatched from Shanghai on or about January 6, for the above-mentioned ports. Through bills of lading issued for all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. For freight or passage please apply to Dodwell and Company, Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 6-1

REGENSBURG Jan. 9. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and BREMEN via HONGKONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BELAWAN, COLOMBO, PORT SUDAN and PORT SAID.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L. 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 9-1

C. OF MANDALAY Jan. 10. HAVRE, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW.—The Ellerman Line steamer City of Mandalay is due to sail for Havre, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Glasgow on January 10, 1939. Lacey & Cannan, Ltd. Tel. 12854 (3 Lines). 10-1

POTSDAM Jan. 10. GENOA, SOUTHAMPTON, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN and HAMBURG via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, PENANG, BELAWAN, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L. 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 10-1

AMERICA

NIEL MAERSK Jan. 1, 1939. LOS ANGELES and via PANAMA to NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, SAVANNAH and NORFOLK. For Freight and Passage apply to Melchers & Co., Agents, Maersk Line, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 1-1

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